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I N T R O D U C T I O N

We would like to thank the students, teachers and all the people who put all of their efforts and trust in the Editorial Committee to make this magazine a reality.

It was a very good experience working together to create our student magazine. It became a combination of each student's different points of view during the time we worked on this. In this magazine we can read about different feelings, ideas and talents that our classmates have. We want to thank all of the Editorial Committee people and the people that taught us how to make a magazine.

In the coming years, we hope all the coordinators and union members/students will always work together in order that all of our dreams come true.

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello,

I would like to address the teachers, coordinators and all the hardworking men and women of the Union and my fellow classmates.

I would like you all to know how proud I feel within myself to be able to participate and to contribute to this great Union. I know we all share such feelings and that's why we will always succeed in our goals. This Union will continue to go forward because there are so many hard working men and women giving their all to support the Union.

It makes me feel so good to know that I am part of them. I hope that we will always continue to give our best because the Union has always been there for us.

So I say to my fellow union members: LET'S STAND STRONG TOGETHER AND CONTINUE TO FIGHT AND WE WILL SUCCEED.

Ignacio Nunez

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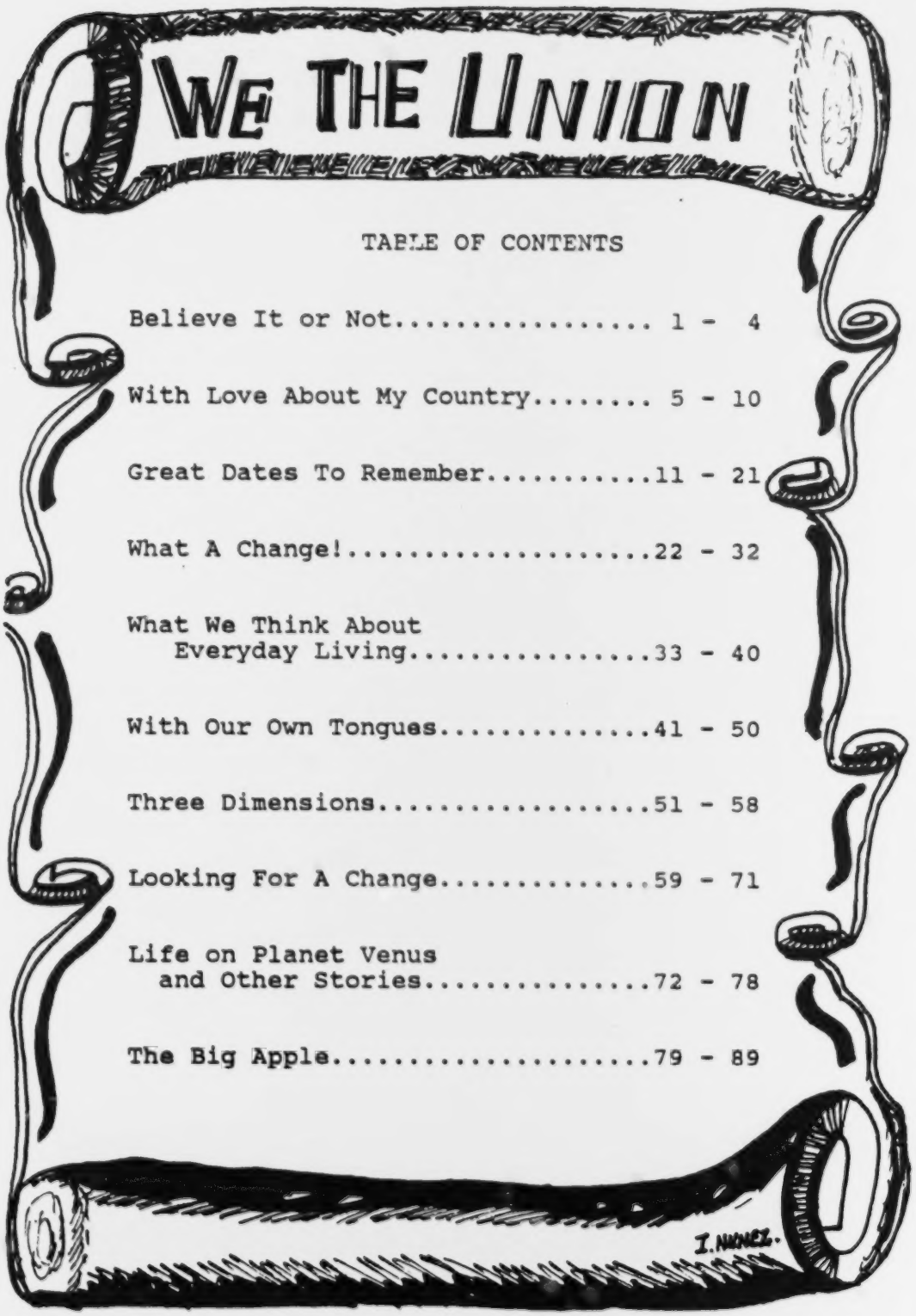

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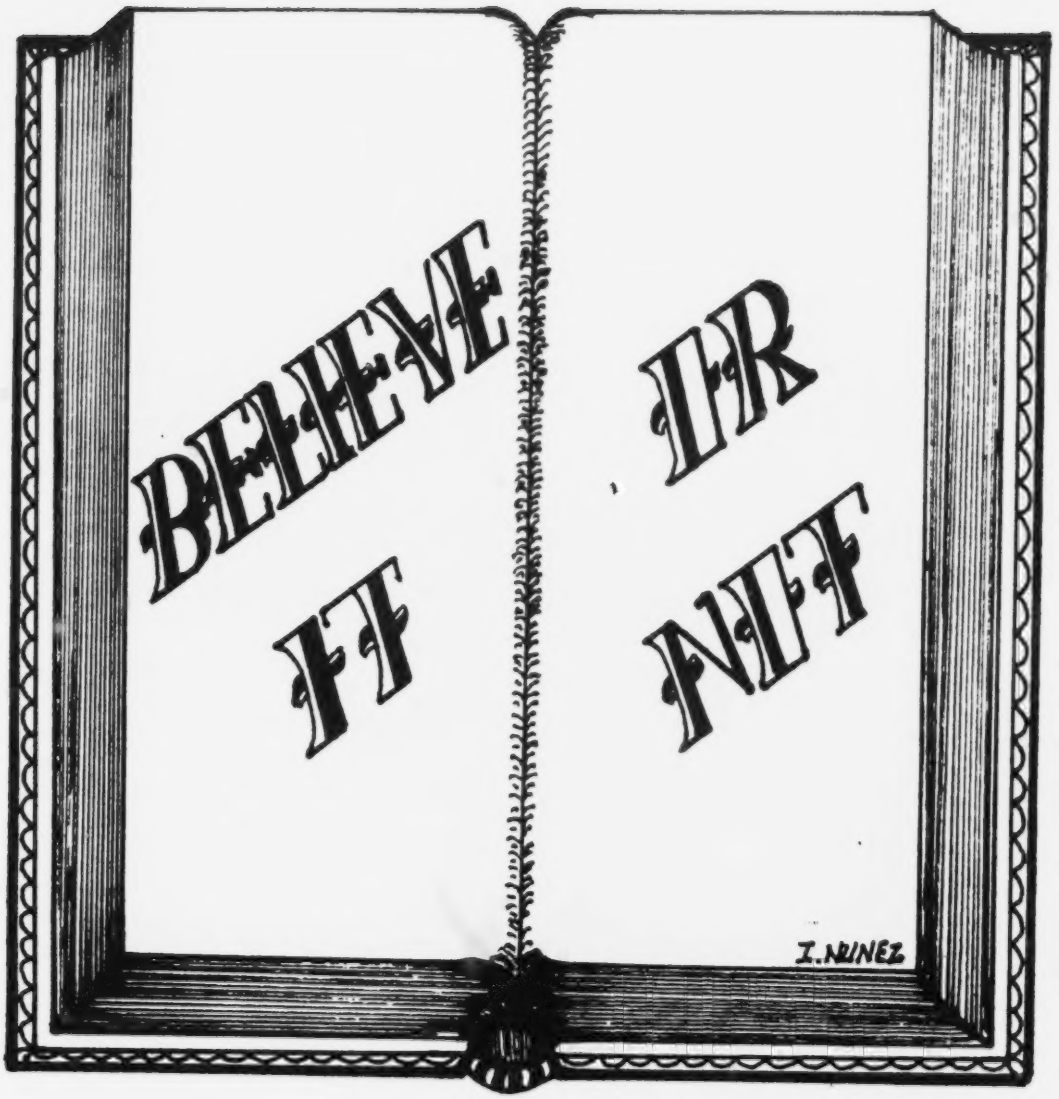
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THE SPORT OF UNICYCLING
An interview with: David Ramos
Written by: Carmen Pena

Introduction

I was a little worried about having something to write for our student magazine. It came to me to write something about height.

With this in mind I started asking my classmates about their lives. What a surprise when a classmate talked to me about his favorite sport! I decided to interview him. Without wasting time I commented to him about my idea and he was in agreement with me.

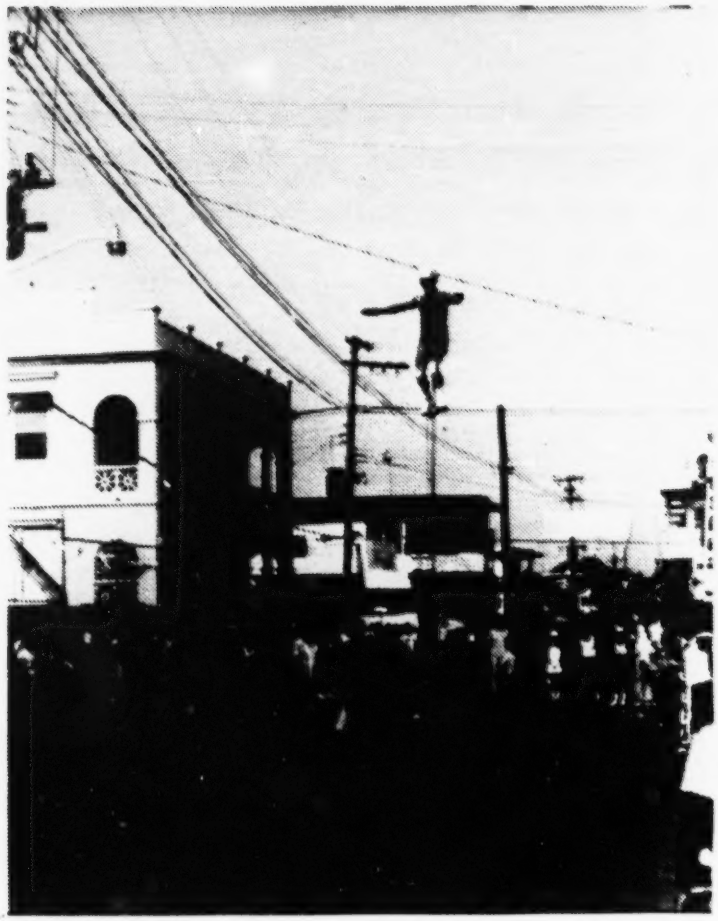
Interview

Q. What's your name?
A. My name is David Ramos.
Q. How long have you been practicing this sport?
A. About nineteen years - since 1970.
Q. Explain to us what your sport consists of.
A. O.K. I ride a unicycle.
Q. What is that?
A. It's just one wheel with a seat and pedals.
Q. In this photo, I see you riding a high unicycle. How high is it?
A. This is 15 feet high.
Q. But, do you always ride at that height?
A. No - first I bought one three feet high, then five feet, then ten feet and so on.
Q. But, that's incredible - three feet at first and now you have one fifteen feet high!
A. It is all practice and dedication. Little by little I got it. In 1978 I made one twelve feet high.
Q. That had to be a record at that time.
A. For that year I just equaled the record, but in 1979 I established a new record for height with a fifteen foot unicycle.
Q. If that was a record it had to be published in the newspaper and other means.
A. Yes, that's correct. In the newspapers there appeared some reports. Moreover, I was invited to go around the Island of Puerto Rico to show unicycling. I have also appeared on television with my art, the program called,"Parece Increible" (It seems incredible.)
But the most important thing. for me was to represent Puerto Rico in different states in the U.S.A. and in other countries like Canada and Japan.
Q. What other things can you do on a unicycle?
A. I do track acrobatics and play basketball on the unicycle! The team that I play with is the unconquered world champions.
Q. I don't want to take more of your time. Definitely you are a champion of the unicycle.
A. Yes, and also I teach unicycle on my free time.
Q. David, thank you for giving me your time and I want to wish

you good luck in future competitions, and keep raised the name Puerto Rico.

A. I will, and thank you very much.

Q. David does a very nice sport that keeps him busy and away from dangerous habits - keep thinking that way my friend.



THE NUñEZ'S FAMILY

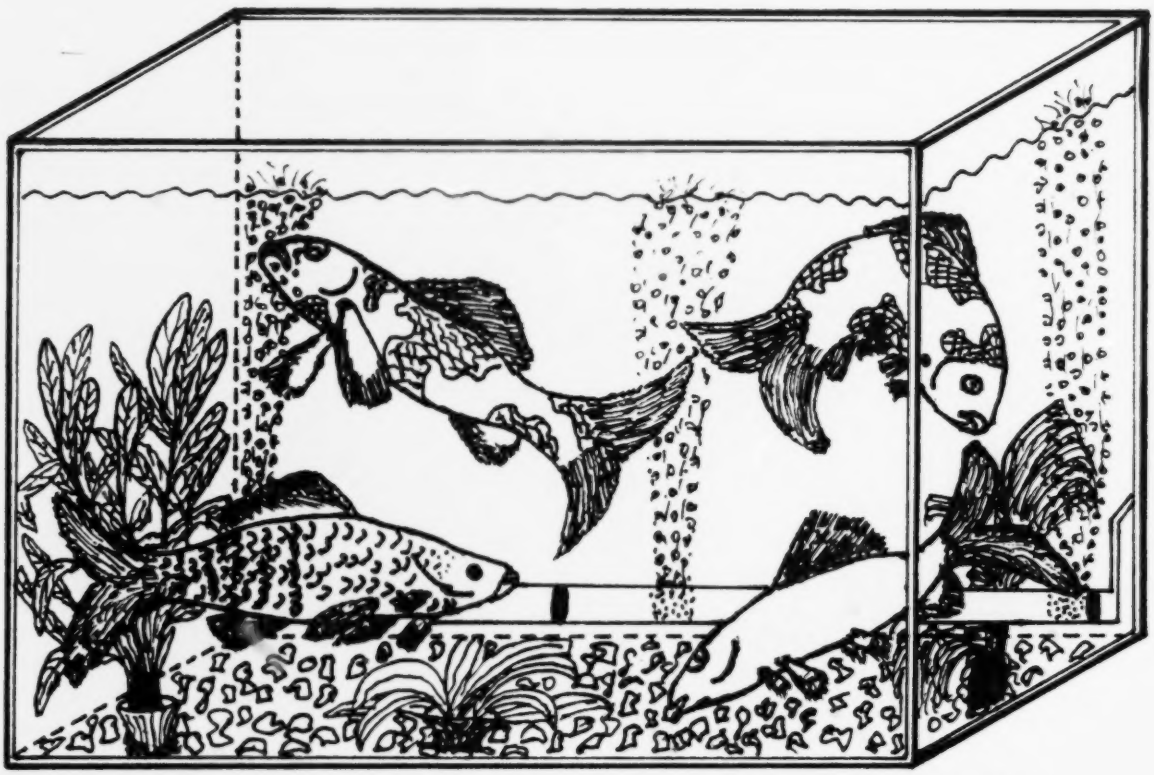
This is a short story about my GOLD FISH. **WILD, INSPECTOR, BUBBLES** and **FRISKY NUñEZ.** I take very good care of my family. To me they are very special, so I make sure that they have enough food and other necessities, because if **WILD** doesn't get his food on time he begins to throw the rocks against the tank. You see he just loves to eat.

I also make sure that their tank is always clean, because **INSPECTOR** loves to check out the tank very slowly and carefully to assure that theres no unclean places in their house.

The air pump which I must keep clean and working properly, so that **BUBBLES** can enjoy himself eating the bubbles from the pump. I always make sure that their light is in good working condition, because **FRISKY** just loves the light, the more light the better it is for Frisky, because he just turns over and over just like an acrobat.

I some times think that my family is as smart as myself and my classmates. Do you think they are trying to tell us something?

CAN YOU GUESS WHICH ONE IS WILD, INSPECTOR, BUBBLES and FRISKY?



by IGNACIO NUñEZ.

WITH LOVE
ABOUT MY
COUNTRY
I. NUNEZ

DO YOU UNDERSTAND? A CHINESE PUZZLE

by May Liu

After the Chinese New Year, I came back to school. My classmates asked me a lot of questions about Chinese customs and culture. One of them was about Chinese words. There all were interested in that so I gave them some examples.

Can you guess what the characters stand for? I gave you a hint by drawing the ancient ones that resemble the meaning more closely.

The English translation is on page 10. Try to guess before looking!

TRADITIONAL CHINESE WEDDING

Different cultures have different customs. Nowadays, many things have changed quite a lot but some customs remain the same.

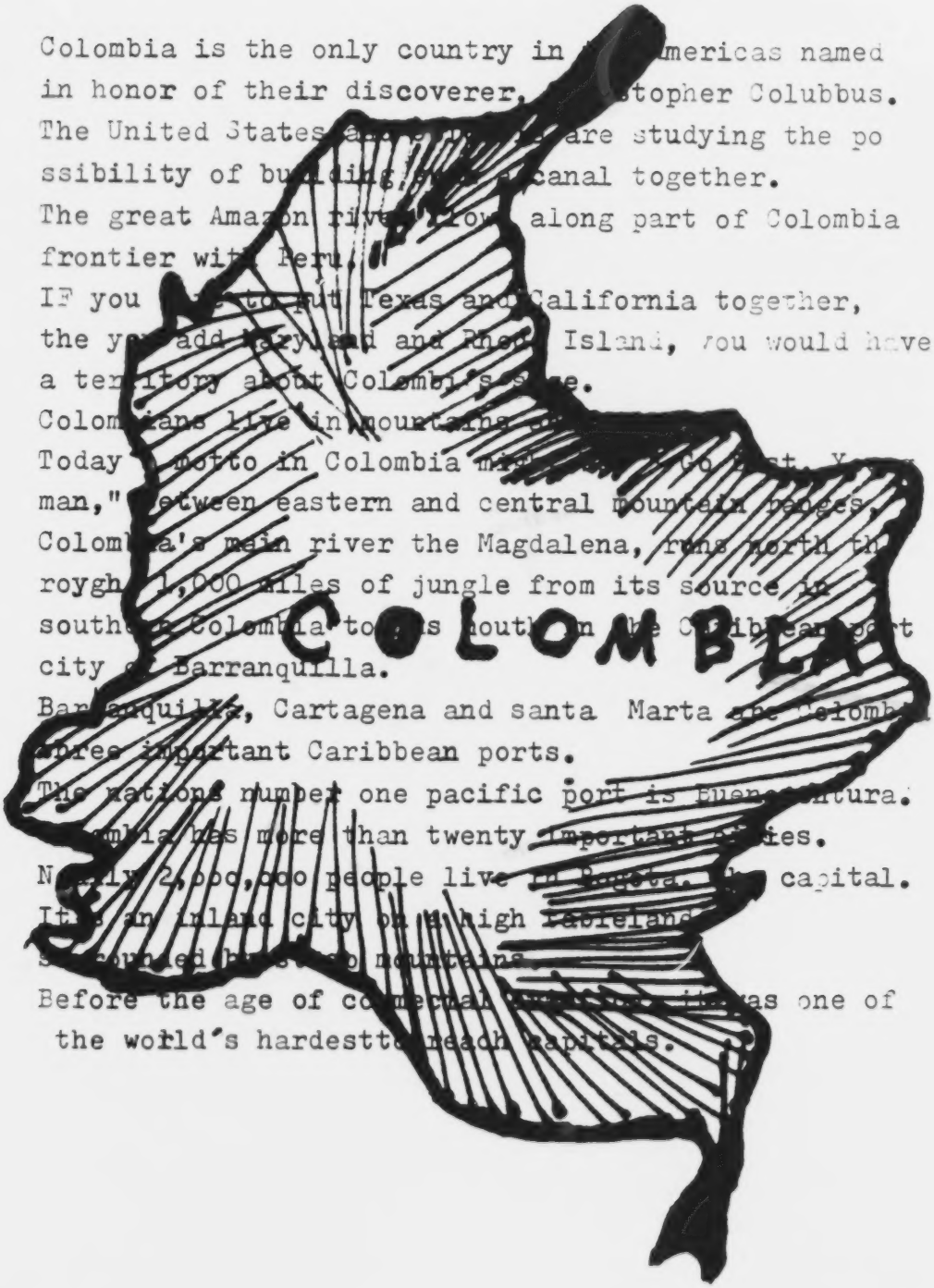
In the picture, we see a couple on their wedding day. We see that the bride dresses in red with many flowers and dragons printed on the dress. The dress is long and it totally covers the bride's feet. Also there are red flowers on the bride's head. The sister of the bride is holding the red umbrella. She is sending her sister out of their home and letting the groom bring the bride to their new home.

In Chinese customs, the bride always dresses in red on her wedding day. It is because the red stands for good fortune and good luck. It is also because it brings happiness to her future and creates a happy family after. As we know today, the red has a different meaning. Well, what can we say? It is the traditional culture in the Chinese way.

-Diana Chan

GETTING TO KNOW

COLOMBIA



Colombia is the only country in the Americas named in honor of their discoverer, Christopher Colubbus. The United States and Colombia are studying the possibility of building a canal together.
The great Amazon river flows along part of Colombia frontier with Peru.
IF you were to put Texas and California together, the you add Maryland and Rhode Island, you would have a territory about Colombia's size.
Colombians live in mountains.
Today's motto in Colombia [illegible] "Go East, Young man," between eastern and central mountain ranges, Colombia's main river the Magdalena, runs north through 1,000 miles of jungle from its source in southern Colombia to its mouth on the Caribbean port city of Barranquilla.
Barranquilla, Cartagena and santa Marta are Colombia three important Caribbean ports.
The nations number one pacific port is Buenaventura.
Colombia has more than twenty important cities.
Nearly 2,000,000 people live in Bogotá, the capital. It is an inland city on a high tableland surrounded by mountains.
Before the age of commercial aviation, it was one of the world's hardest to reach capitals.

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By Mariano Gutierrez

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

by Ena Vega

Three years ago I had the opportunity to visit the Galapagos Islands. Although I stayed there for only one week, I got to know and admire the beauty of these islands.

The Galapagos are surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and they belong to Ecuador.

These Islands are distinguished for their beauty and their big lakes with different species. On the course of the trip to tour the Islands, we saw different sights like tunnels and shiny rocks. At one point, we passed by a tunnel called "Tunnel of Love", where we stopped to look and take pictures.

We later went to "Darwin's Bay" where we found tortoises of all sizes, the bigger ones are called "Galapagos". One can even mount the bigger ones. One of the characteristics of the beaches are the various colors of the sand which are for snails and crabs. The ocean is like a mirror shining because of the sun letting us see the fishes, squids and other marine species; one of the most fascinating animals were the sea lions which were on rocks making strange noises. In this trip, we toured the most important Islands like "La Isla Isabela", Genovesa, San Cristoval, Fernandina y Archipieyego de Colon.

On the last two days of the trip, we visited an Island full of small birds; the people call them "Blue Legs" because they have blue legs. At nighttime we returned to the Island of San Cristobal, where we stayed until we returned to the City of Guayaquil.

At midnight when the lights of the Islands are turned off, all you could hear are the sounds of the waves.

MY COUNTRY

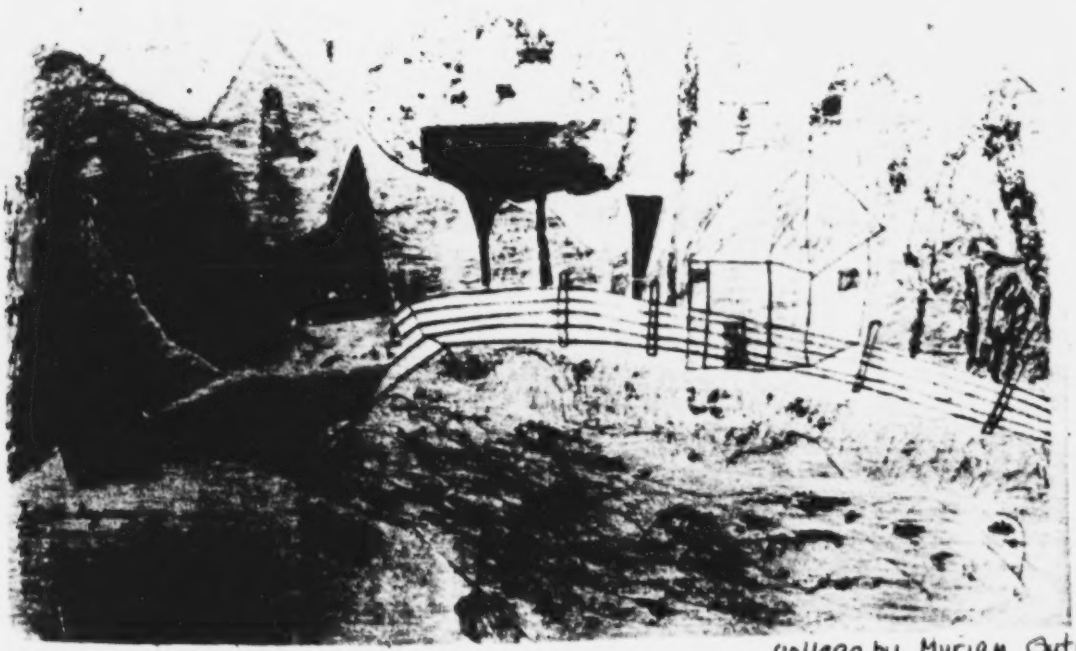
I am from Lima, Peru. Lima, Peru is located in South America. In Peru, there are a lot of fruits growing. In my country there are a lot of gold mines and fishing ports. Most of the tourists come here in the summer because the summer in my country is not sticky, but it is tropical. They love to see or visit places like Cuzco, Cajamarcos, Ica, Lake Titicaca, the Cordillera of the Andes and the white capital of Arequipa. Peru is admired because it has many tourist centers.

Dina Alvarado

I want to talk about my country. My country is beautiful and comfortable and the people are hospitable. They like to help other people. In my country the weather is hot. Sometimes it rains so much. It's a small place. I love my country.

The name is Puerto Rico. I love it and love it.

Bella Maritinez



collage by Myriam Gutierrez

Answers to the Chinese Puzzle:

A) Mountain B) Row Boat C) Horse D) Fire E) Water
F) Heart G) Rain H) Fish I) Silk J) Soil

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GREAT DATES TO REMEMBER
STUDENTS OF ILGWU JUNE, 1989.
FEBRUARY 14
MAY 14
JULY 4
SEPTEMBER 4
NOVEMBER 23
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A GOOD VACATION
by Guillermo Contreras

My wife and I took a vacation to Santo Domingo two summers ago. I will never forget it because it is a good country and it has nice people. I like the beaches and wonderful climate.

I stayed 4 weeks in the city. I rented a car. I drove everyday, always to the North republic and the South only for the day and the night. I went to the Discotheque to dance and I had drinks. I danced a lot - Merengue, Salsa, Romantic and other dances. So when I finished my vacation, I came to New York.

And I was very happy . . . etc.

by Juana Perez

My name is Juana Perez. I'm married. I have 7 kids. I'm 47 years old. I came to the United States in October of 1980. My son and my daughter were here already. I came with my other two daughters.

I got out of Nicaragua because the government is communist and there was no food and no jobs. My three sons stayed in Nicaragua with my husband.

When the government changed, the whole family separated until now.
We are together again. Thank God. It was 9 years of separation. Now we are together.

by Segunda Bustamante

I used to live in Manhattan,
but now I am living in
Astoria.

I used to work in Queens,
but now I work in Manhattan.

I used to have my sons,
but now I have sons and my
grandsons.

I used to study Spanish,
but now I am studying
English.

I used to have my son,
Anthony, in my home,
but now he's in San Diego in
the Navy.

THE OLD FASHIONED DOLL

by Julia Gilmore

A boy is seated at his desk, reading a story. As he reads, a scene lights up behind him. An old woman is talking to three children.

BOY: (reading) And then the woman said . . .

WOMAN: What do you mean be Nintendo?

NANCY: Grandma, you never heard of that before??

TED: I'll tell you - it's a game we attach to the TV and we help the cartoon, Mario, get over obstacles.

NEAL: (annoyed and complaining) We need a bigger TV to play the game better.

NANCY: Yeah - What about more games and tapes?

GRANDMA: You're complaining! You're lucky to have so much - When I was small, we didn't know what TV was. Everything we played with we had to make.

TED: (very surprised) Make? What do you mean? How could you MAKE something to play with?

GRANDMA: We used to take old patches of material, sew them together and make a doll. The doll was many colors because the patches were all different colors.

NANCY: I never want to play with a doll like that. What about Barbie dolls?

GRANDMA: You would have more fun with it because you made it yourself.

NEAL: No way, Grandma. (Grandma takes out an old rag doll and hands it to Nancy.

NANCY: This rag doll should be fun to play with.

ALL: Wow! We'll all love to play with this doll. It's very odd!

My name is Maria Arias. I am from the Dominican Republic. I came to the United States in 1988. I came without my family. I miss them more than they miss me. I wasn't comfortable living there with my family because of all the things I saw.

I came here to make a better life. I can make more money and send some to my family. I like to study English so I can know more about life. I would like to study medicine. I want to move to Manhattan because I do not like to live here in the Bronx.

Maria Arias

Today is Monday, March 22, 1989. I was born in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

I like New York because there are jobs. There is opportunity for me and for my family to have a better life. I like my job because the pay is good. I have lived many years in this city.

I will go to my country next year for vacation. My country is very pretty. The people are nice.

Luis A.

My name is Rosa. I'm 59 years old. I live in New York. I came from Ecuador.

I live in America because it has a lot of opportunities for progressing. My family lives in New York. I have two sons working in Manhattan. I like my job. I am going to school because I want to learn English.

I am happy here.

Rosa Galarza

My name is Martha. I came from Colombia. I have two children. I worked in a clothes factory there. I like N.Y. very much. I like my job and my English classes. My teacher and my classmates are very nice.

I don't like the weather here; it's either too hot or too cold. I like shopping in this country; there are many different kinds of stores - something for everybody. There are many opportunities. In order to defend myself in my job and make more money, I need to know English. If one wants to progress, one can.

Martha Parea

My name is Mercedes. I am from Colombia. My country is not good for work. There is not much opportunity for older people.

I was born in a beautiful town by the name of Anolaima. The land is good for farming fruit and flowers. I will be visiting Colombia in June for one month to see my two grandchildren.

My boss is very good to me. I go to study English every week. My teacher is a very nice person.

Mercedes Pedroza

My name is Marina and I was born in the Dominican Republic. I came to the United States at the age of 28 with my husband looking for a better life.

We've had good forutne in our lives; one of them is my family. I thank God for our health and our jobs, that now we are able to support our family.

I can say America helped me fulfill some of my dreams.

-Marina Milton

by Rosa Vazquez

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Rosa Vazquez. I was born in Puerto Rico, May 22, 1945.

I have two children - one son and one daughter. Now I live with my son in the Bronx and my daughter lives in P.R. with my mother.

I go to school because I want to learn to speak English.

I have three sisters and one brother. Two of my sisters live in the Bronx, the other sister lives in P.R. and my brother lives in Brooklyn.

by Carmen Rivera

My name is Carmen Rivera.

I have been living in New York for thirty-five years.

I have four children - two boys and two girls. Three of my children were born in the United States and one in Puerto Rico.

I am going to retire soon. I'm planning on going back to my beautiful Island to spend the rest of my life.

I came to this country for work. I came with my husband and my daughter. She was four years old. I left my daughter with a babysitter and went to work. My husband found a good job and we were happy.

We had another daughter after eleven years. We are happy. I love America. I leave my family two times a week. I plan to go to school. I want to learn English. I love my teacher.

Maria Indelicato

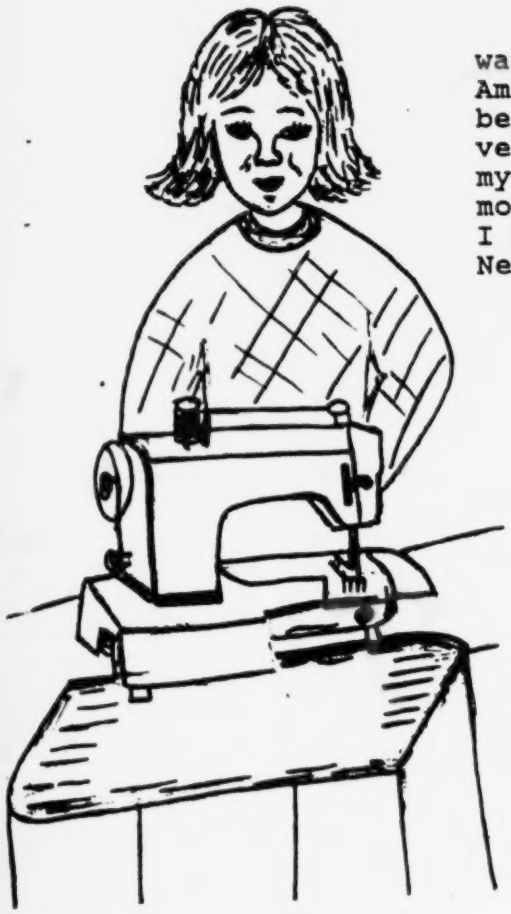
My name is Joaquin Zetino. I am from El Salvador. I'm a student in an English class, first level. The teacher is Miss Lori. She is a very nice teacher. Also, the class is very nice.

I want to talk to you about the Empire State Building. The building is located on 34th Street. It has 102 floors. It has many, many stores and offices. I liked the observation tower. You can see everything in N.Y. The Empire State Building is the most famous in New York.

Joaquin Zetino

When I arrived in New York City, my cousin helped me to learn English in order to defend myself on my job. I need to get good work. I am a tailor; I have fifteen years experience. My first job was in a small factory. After two months, I got work in a big factory. Now I need to learn more English. I study English at Union classes. My teacher, her name is Elizabeth. She is a very good teacher.

Luis Celleri



My name is Melida Duron. I was born in Honduras, Central America. My problem is my job because I don't speak English very well. In order to defend myself in my job and make more money, I need to know English. I work in a factory in Brooklyn, New York. I like my work.

Melida Duron

My name is Carmen Pombo. I came from Galicia, Spain. I work in a dress factory. I make complete dresses. I like my job, I like the people there. My boss is nice. The pay is good. I like this country; there are many opportunities. I like the American people. I have good neighbors. I like my English class, my teacher and my classmates. I know that it is important to learn English but I find it very difficult.

Carmen Pombo

MOOD POEM

by Jaran Palahom

I feel happy!

Not idiotically happy
Not silly happy
Not nervously happy

But just normally happy

Grateful that I have a good job
Grateful that I have a good
partner
Grateful that I have a good life.

My name is Blanca. My country is Ecuador. I like New York because here there are jobs. There is opportunity, for me and my family to have a better life. I like my job because the pay is good. I have lived many years in this city.

I will go to my country next year for vacation. My country is very pretty. The people are nice.

-Blanca

My name is Edgar. I was born in Bogota, Colombia. I came to New York last year in June.

I lived for eleven years in Valencia, Venezuela. I had a nice experience before I came here. I always wished to know the United States, mostly New York.

Today, I have been here ten months and though I may know a little, it has been important. I see so many different races, languages, and customs. The technology for work we do not have in our countries, where almost all is manual work because we do not have the machinery.

I wish to know more about the United States, learn good language and hope to continue studying for tomorrow so that I may live better.

Edgar

MY FIRST ENGLISH TEACHER IN THE U.S.A.

When I just came to the U.S.A., everything was so different. I seemed deaf and mute, so I decided to go to school to learn some English.

My first English teacher was a beautiful girl with blue eyes and golden hair. I was surprised that she spoke such good Chinese. She was a responsible teacher. She prepared the class very carefully. She came to school on time everyday. Even though one day her foot was hurt so that she could not walk, she still drove to school and then asked us to help her go upstairs to our classroom. She was friendly with Chinese people.

The time passed so fast. The class was over after half a year. She was going to Taiwan to study more Chinese. When she was in Taiwan, she sent me a postcard. She came back to New York. She sent me a small gift. Every Christmas she sends me a beautiful card. She still remembers us. I haven't seen her for a long time. Last week I saw a Chinese newspaper and there was an article that was written about an American girl who was so friendly with the Chinese. Her name is 周秀娜 (Nam Yam). Yes, it is her. My first English teacher in the U.S.A. I love her.

-May Liu

HOLIDAY- X MAS
* (W)INTER SEASON *
THE MAN WEARING A HEAVY COAT
People SPEND A LOT
People GAME Poker In Home
Some People CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY
EAT A LOT
Funny Pictures In this SEASON.

THE HUNGRY BOY

by Ignacio Nunez

I think being very small is a great time in our lives.

I have often wished that I could be small all over again, because at that special time, you are the center of attention. You are loved so much by everyone.

There is a whole environment and there is more love in the home between family members.

But when you grow up, how things start changing in the environment.

I remember my first day at school at the good old age of four.

I loved school very much, but it seems that, I would never get enough to eat. Everyday my mother would send me to school and pack me a big lunch. But it seems that almost every day before lunch time, I would have already finished with my lunch, and then I had nothing to eat for lunch.

So I would just run right out of my class room and go head straight back home to get more food.

My mother would become very angry with me and begin to spank me, but I would keep on eating as much as I could.

THOSE WERE THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

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by Ena Vega

July 15, 1987, was Mary's birthday. Luis, her brother, flew to Jamaica to surprise her. He didn't see her for a long time.

Luis: Hello, sweetheart. It's me, your brother, Luis. Don't you recognize me?

Mary: Are you Luis? Oh my God! I can't believe it!

Luis: How are you my little sister? Did you miss me?

Mary: Oh! (She cries). . . Yes, sure! I missed you.

Luis: Don't cry, Mary. I don't want to cry too.

Mary: Are you married?

Luis: No, I'm not married.

Mary: Yes; My mother had a reason. She said when my son is going to marry, he'll meet a perfect wife and a great mother. Because my son is a special person and a good son, too.

Luis: Yes, I know that. But I'm young for marriage. I need to learn more about the world.

Mary: Do you stay here? I want to live with you. I feel alone. I need you, brother.

Luis: Yes. Yes. If you need my help, I can live with you. Okay?

Mary: Oh! I'm so happy. Thanks. Thanks.

Luis: O.K. Where is a party?

Mary: I don't have money for a party and . . . I don't have a party.

Luis: Don't worry. Call your friends. You have a party.

Mary: Really! Oh thanks again.

Luis: If my mother could be alive, she will be as happy as I am today.

WHAT
A
CHANGE!
I. NUNEZ

Gina and her son.

My name is Gina Santiago. I am from Guayaquil, Ecuador. I came to New York to get to know the nice places, like . . . Rockerfeller Center, the Statue of Liberty and West Point.

I began to work in a clothes factory eight years ago. I made some good friends. The neighborhood where I live is in the Bronx. My friends and family are living in New York. I like New York because it is easier to get things I need.

Ecuador is a tropical country because it is always hot. It has nice places, like . . . the Middle of the Earth, which is called the Equator and the Galapagos Islands.

I am married. I have one boy who is four years old.

My name is Jorge Garay. My country is Peru. I was born on July 21, 1961. I came from this country in 1980.

I came to live in Union City, N.J. I began to work in Manhattan. I worked in five different places. I studied High School Equivalency for 3 months.

I am going to study for a good career. I have 3 brothers and one sister. Now I am playing in the band. I play drums.

I like to be a good student.

MY FRIEND

by Yuerica Polanco

My friend's name is Maria. She came from Santo Domingo. She is 25 years old.

She likes to play tennis and listens to music in her free time. She goes out with her parents. She works in a small factory.

When she finishes her work she goes to school, because she wants to learn a good career and she wants a good job.

My friend is not married. She wants a good boy to marry because she wants children.

Statue of Opportunities

I came to this country for different reasons.

I wanted my sons to have a good education.

I wanted to get more skills in clothing design.

I wanted a better life with better relations with people.

I am a sample maker and I study English.

Olga Espinoza

11/17/88

I do not understand English when I speak to an American, or English when I speak to my daughter's teacher.

But most of all I do not understand English when it is spoken fast.

What I understand is English spoken to someone else.

by Douglas Guerrero, Mariana Borilla, Etelvina Marquera, Yolanda Taveras, Qian Zi Chen, Rosa Cruz, Tia Zhen Xae, and Olivia Vasquez.

by Estele Gonzalez

My name is Estele Gonzalez. I am from Mexico. I have been in New York for nine years.

I came to look for a better life. I study English to get a better job.

I USED TO, BUT NOW

I used to be frustrated, but now I'm in a good mood.

I used to be married,but now I'm single.

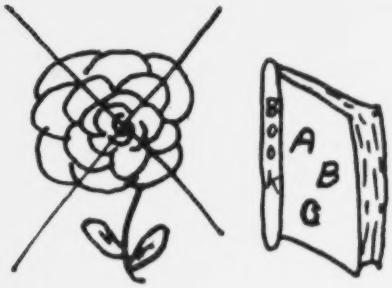
I used to have money, but now I haven't any money.

I used to run, but now I walk.

I used to dance in a discotheque, but now I watch T.V. in my house.

I used to buy the newspaper, but now I don't.

-Luis Manuel Rodriguez



STATUE OF LOVE

The best country in the world is "America". America has freedom and is a strong, rich country. Many people have fantasies to come here and change their lives. I came here to build our loving family and let our children have good childhoods and good educations.

Bob Jorge

by Alo Netz

I used to be a rose,
but now I'm a book.

I used to speak Polish,
but now I learn English.

I used to be a nun,
but now I'm a dancer.

I used to be a bird,
but now I just walk.

I used to have black eyes,
but now I have red.

I feel good
- not artificially good
- not surface-of-the-skin
- not idiotically good. . .
But just plain old good.

Happy that I can live in the U.S.

Happy that I can help my family in Poland.

Happy that I have a good husband and that we have a wonderful life together.

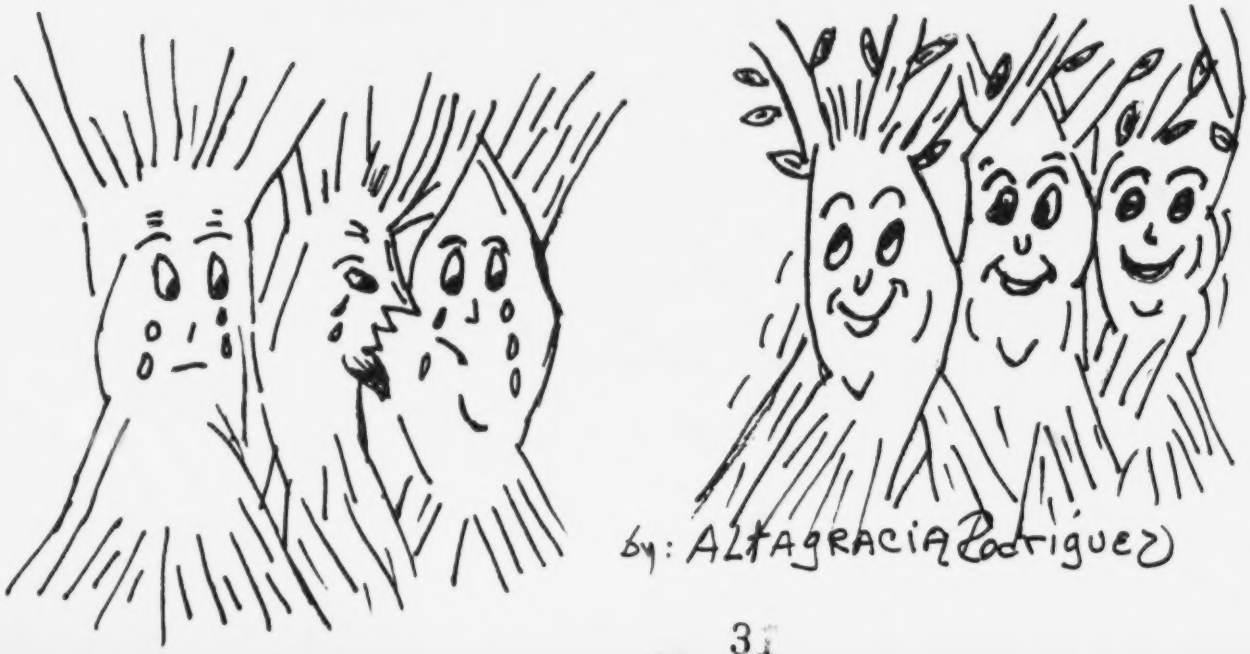
-Alo Netz

Happiness is .....when you smile all day.
having a good time.
traveling around the world.
going to the theater.
getting together with the family.
celebrating a wedding anniversary.
having a good job.
being in love.
not having problems.
speaking to my grandmother on the telephone.
winning the lotto.
making money.
having good health.
being with friends.

Unhappiness is .....having problems with my car.
losing a good job.
feeling sick all the time.
getting bad news.
seeing people sleeping on the subways.
losing your parents.
getting paid a low salary.
not being free.
living alone.

Group composition by Maria Escalante's class

(NOTE - This particular piece was put together by group participation. It includes the students ideas and feelings regarding what happiness and unhappiness is for them.)



by Douglas Guerrero

I was happy in my country because I lived near the beach. Everyday I went to the beach. I played with my friends and I went to the theater every weekend.

I left Ecuador to find work in New York, but when I came, I couldn't work because I was too young. I went to school. I studied for one year.

After I studied for one year, I left the school. I had a personal problem in my family.

Now everything is fine and I got my work back. I work on the pleating machines and have been at my job for 10 years.

I like my work, but I don't feel good because I'm bored with my job. Everyday I do the same thing.

That's why I'm studying English. I want to get a better job and help my mother.

by Jaran Palahom

I used to live in the Bronx,
but now I am in Queens.

I used to speak Thai,
but now I learn to
speak English.

I used to have Thai food,
but now I have pizza.

I used to sew by hand,
but now I sew by foot.

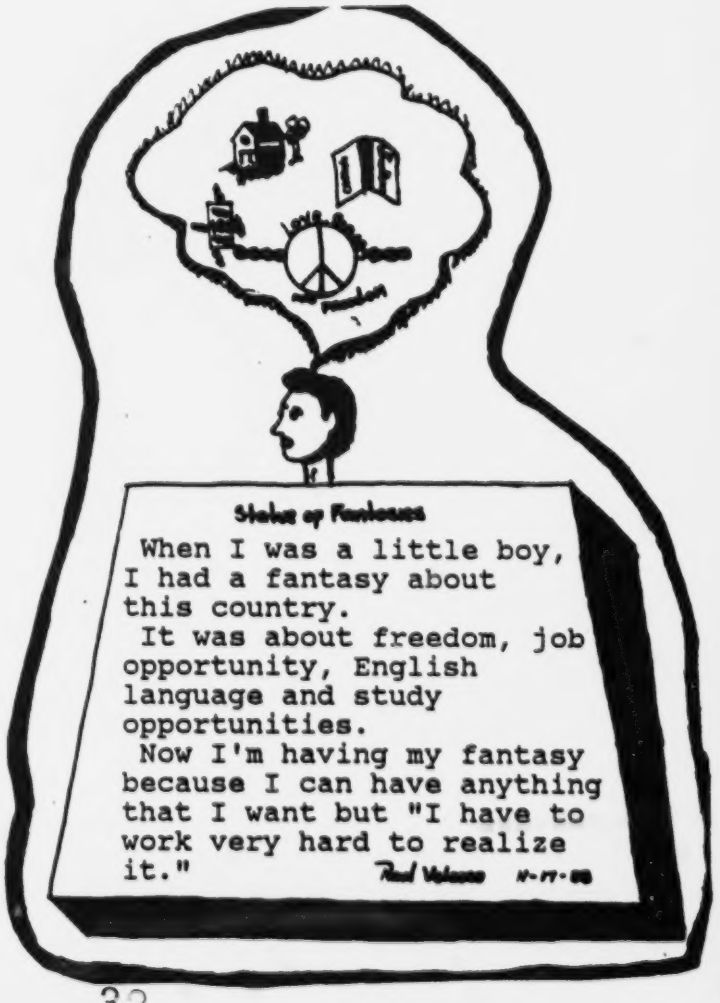
I used to be happy,
but now I'm angry.

Today is March 22, 1989. My name is Aida Quinde. My country is Ecuador. I was born in the town of Deleg, which is near Azogues City. My country is very nice because the people are very kind.

I am married. I have three children. I love my family. I came to New York because I would like to find a new life for myself and my family and I have lived here for 15 years.

I like my work. I like to study English.

Aida Quinde


When I was a little boy, I had a fantasy about this country.
It was about freedom, job opportunity, English language and study opportunities.
Now I'm having my fantasy because I can have anything that I want but "I have to work very hard to realize it."

by Ellsa Wong

I used to take a bus in Hong Kong,
but now I take a subway in New
York.

I used to watch T.V.,
but now I study English.

I used to waste my time,
but now I live to learn.

I used to go to the movies,
but now I write a letter.

I used to drive my car,
but now I make a new dress.

Statue of Opportunities

I came to New York in 1974. I like this country because New York has opportunities for everybody. I feel happy. I like the culture. I like the weather. I like everything about New York.

11-17-88 YOLANDA CORDOVA

Hello.

My name is Dora.

I come from Honduras.

I like America because there are jobs.

There are many different kinds of people. There are museums, park

by Mickey Taracha

I used to live in Poland,
but now I study English.

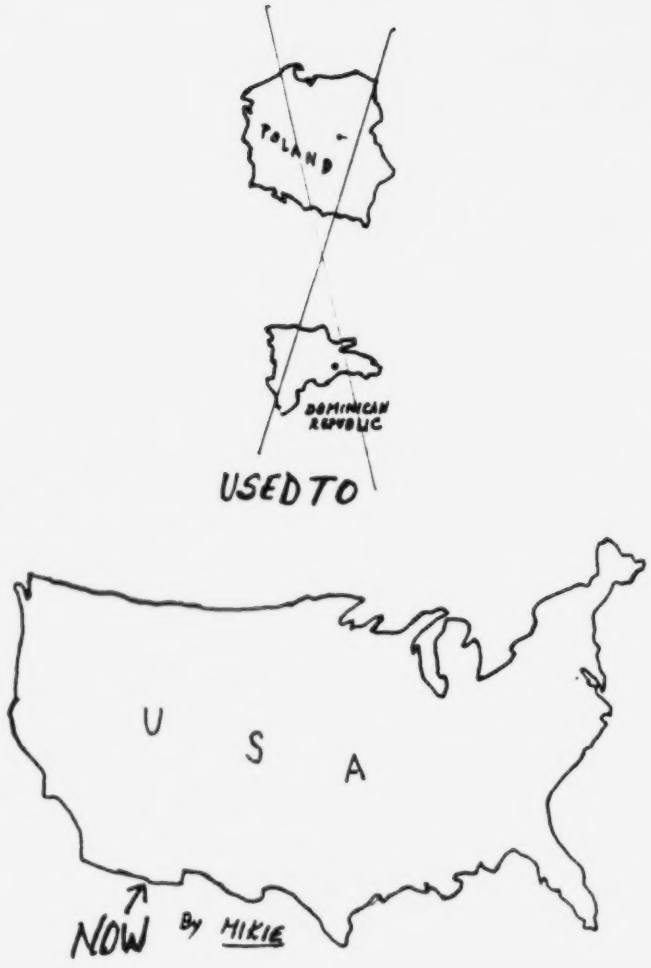
I used to be in a Polish
school,
but now I study English.

I used to walk to work
because I lived near it,
but now I take the subway
because I live far.

I used to have all Polish
friends only,
but now I have friends of
different nationalities.

I used to be a tourist,
but now I'm a tailor.

I used to be born under a
bench,
but now I cannot get over a
bench.



by A Oseaypalo

I used to live in
Poland, but now I live in
the United States.

I used to speak Polish, but
now I speak English.

I used to visit European
countries, but now I visit
the United States.

I used to walk to work, but
now I take the subway.

I used to read the
"belles lettres", but now I
watch the T.V.
I used to be a dentist, but
now I am a dressmaker.

by Milagros Gomez

I used to live in Santo
Domingo,
but now I live in New York.

I used to work making belts,
but now I am still working
making belts.

I used to be happy,
but now I am still happy.

I used to be fancy,
but now I am still fancy.

I used to be romantic,
but now I am alone.

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MY LIFE IN NEW YORK

My name is Oliva. I was born in Mesa in Colombia near Bogota. I came to New York to find a new life for my family.

In New York, there is a lot of work. I like New York because there is much work in Manhattan.

My children are in the chorus. My class is very good.

My country is beautiful and has factories. There are many diamond mines and toursit centers, like the Sutt Cathedrals.

-Oliva Herrara

MY LIFE IN NEW YORK

My name is Mercedes. I come from Quito, Ecuador. I have been here in New York for six years.

I live in the Bronx with my son and my mother. I work in a factory making belts. I have plans to go back to Ecuador when I have enough money.

-Mercedes Padilla

Statue of Goals

I came to this country to gain the opportunity of learning new skills in the fashion industry.

I would also like to visit many historical sites such as the Statue of Liberty and the Twin Towers.

SINCERELY ME

My name is Esther Juarez. I am Mexican. I was born in the town of Guerrero which is near Acapulco.

I came to New York many years ago. I am not married. I live in Brooklyn with my sister and my brother-in-law. I stay in this country because I like New York.

I have a good job here as a sewing machine operator. The people in the Union are helpful to my needs.

-Esther Juarez

I used to be a bird,
but now I am an elephant.

I used to be a monkey.
but now I am a fool.

I used to like to drink wine,
but now I like to drink juice.

I used to be a newspaper,
but now I am a computer.

I used to be an old man,
but now I am a jocko.

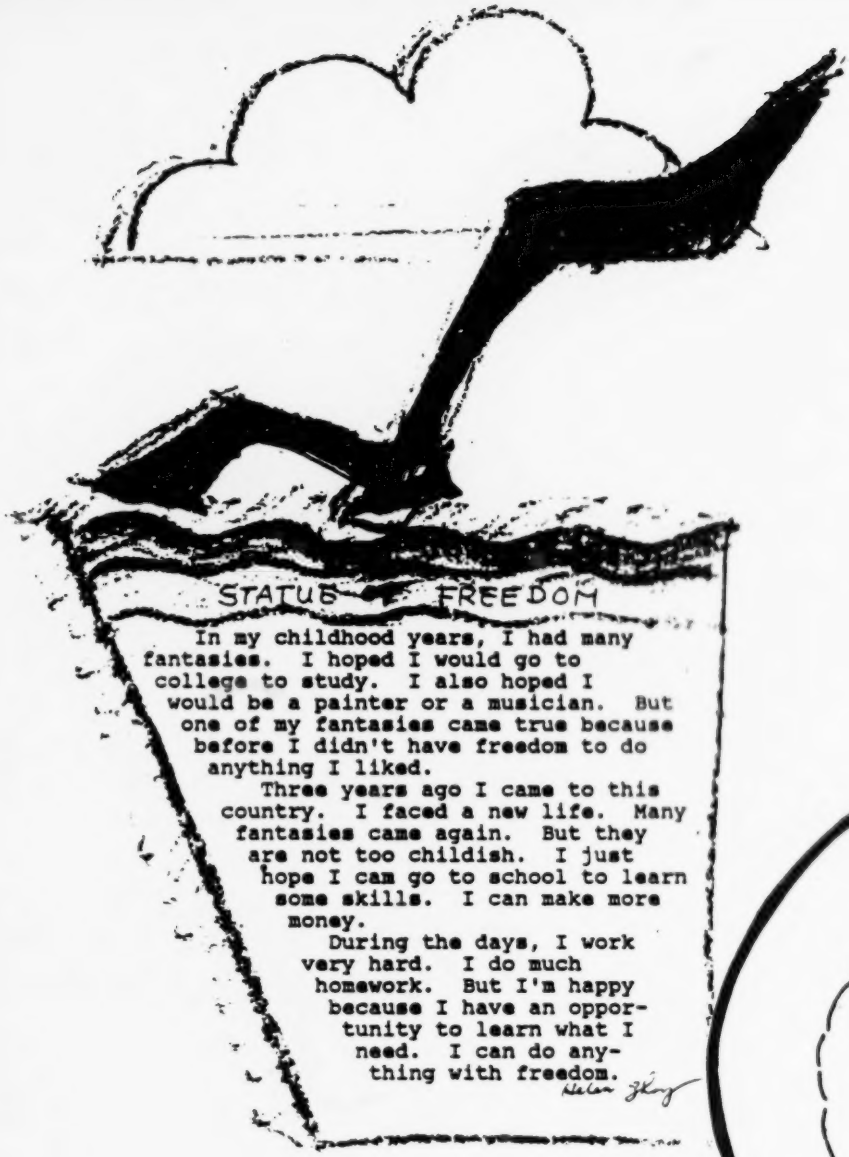
I used to eat with my mouth,
but now I eat with my nose.

I used to live in moon,
but nwo I live in sun.

I used to sleep one time every day,
but now I sleep one time per year.

by Fanny Jin

Raynard 38

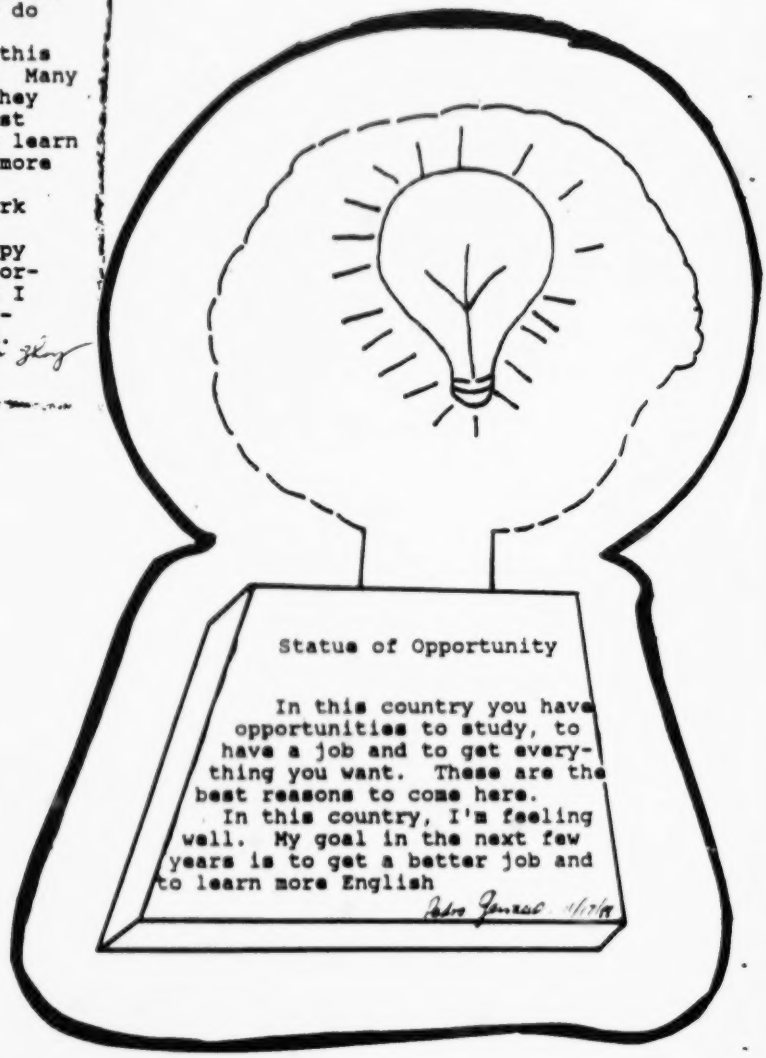


STATUE OF FREEDOM

In my childhood years, I had many fantasies. I hoped I would go to college to study. I also hoped I would be a painter or a musician. But one of my fantasies came true because before I didn't have freedom to do anything I liked.

Three years ago I came to this country. I faced a new life. Many fantasies came again. But they are not too childish. I just hope I cam go to school to learn some skills. I can make more money.

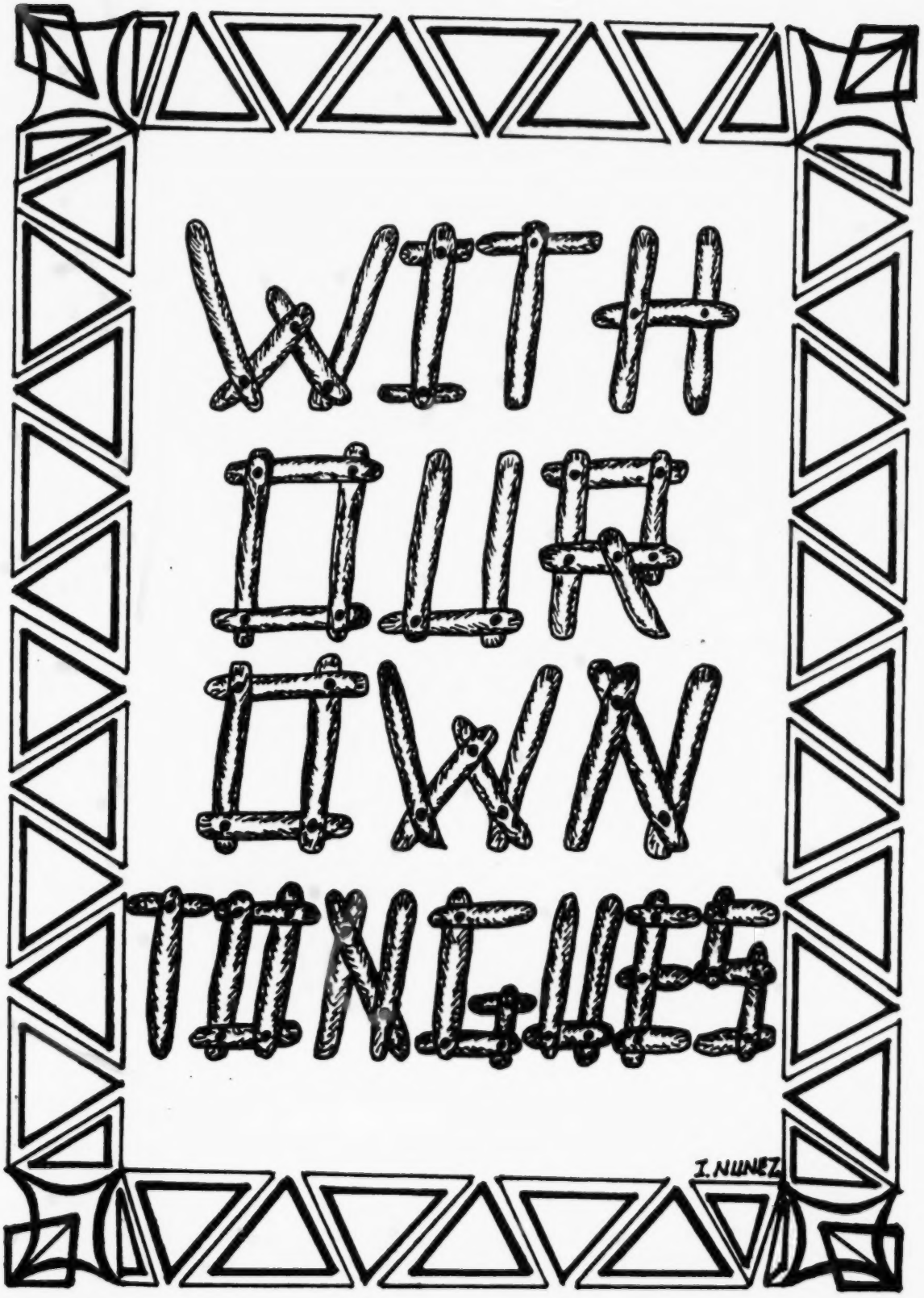
During the days, I work very hard. I do much homework. But I'm happy because I have an opportunity to learn what I need. I can do anything with freedom.



Statue of Opportunity

In this country you have opportunities to study, to have a job and to get everything you want. These are the best reasons to come here.

In this country, I'm feeling well. My goal in the next few years is to get a better job and to learn more English


WITH
OUR
OWN
TONGUES
I. NUNEZ

GOOD WISHES FROM THE GED CLASS AT 40TH ST.

TO MY FELLOW UNION MEMBERS.
IT'S NICE TO BE IN CLASS WITH STUDENTS OF DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES, LEARNING TOGETHER.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER AND COME BACK AND JOIN US NEXT... TERM.

ENGLISH

PARA MIS COMPAÑEROS MIEMBROS DE LA UNION.

ÉS LINDO ESTAR EN CLASE CON ESTUDIANTES DE DIFERENTES NACIONALIDADES, APRENDIENDO TODOS JUNTOS.

TENGAN UN BUEN VERANO Y REGRESEN PARA ACOMPAÑARNOS EN EL SIGUIENTE SEMESTRE ....

SPANISH

לכל חברי האיגוד/
כיף ללמוד בכתה
ולמוד עם סטודנטים מכל
מיני אומות.
מאחלים לכם קיץ נעים
ומקווים לראותכם מתחדש בקרוב

HEBREW

A NOTE TO THE READER

ALTHOUGH WE'RE ALL WORKING HARD TO IMPROVE OUR ENGLISH, WE WANTED TO CELEBRATE THE NATIVE LANGUAGES OF OUR CLASS, BY WISHING YOU WELL IN ALL THE TONGUES REPRESENTED IN OUR CLASS.

WE ARE HIGHLIGHTING THE DIVERSITY, THAT HAS ALWAYS MADE THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL.

Aux Membres de L'union

C'est avec plaisir de participer dans une classe ayant différentes nationalités. Etudier, converser ensemble toute l'année. Et maintenant c'est l'heure de vous souhaiter:

"Bonnes Vacances"

Espérons nous revoir le terme prochain.

FRENCH

TOUTE MAM DÉ SEYOUN PLÈZI
POU MOUN PATISIPÉ NAN KLAS
KI GIN ANPIL NASION ETIDIE,
PALÉ ANSAM-M TOUT ANÉ-YA
KOUNIÉ-YA SÉ LÈ POU-M
DI OU BÔN VAKANS
NOU VA OUE ANKÔ LÈ
LEKOL OUVÈ

KRÉOL FROM HAITI

Στούς ἀγαπημένους μου συμμαθητάς. Εἶναι πολύ ὡραία νά βρισκόμαστε στήν τάξη μέ διαφορετικά πρόσωπα καί διαφορετικές φυλές νά μαθαίνωμε ὅλοι μαζί στή τάξη.

GREEK

给亲爱的会友同学们,

我们都是来自世界各国的.很高兴我们有机会能够一起学習美語.

祝各位有個愉快的暑假,希望下学期再見到你的参加我们的学習.

CHINESE

勤學（Studying hard in English）

只要功夫深，
鐵棍磨成針。
信心，決心，加恒心，
總能攻破英文關。

If you study hard,
A steel rod becomes a fine needle.
I'm patient,
I think I can study English
very well.

Fong Jin
居芬妮

有生命就有希望.

有希望就有一切.

As long as there is life, there is hope. As long as there is hope, there is everything.

Elisa Zeng

Do you know about Poland? The following article discusses the geographical and climatic aspects of Poland.

Co wiesz o Polsce

Polska jest krajem położonym w środkowej części Europy nad Morzem Bałtyckim w dorzeczu Wisły i Odry. Granicy z państwami obozu socjalistycznego: NRD, CSRS i ZSRR. Polska leży w strefie klimatycznej umiarkowanej. Cechą klimatu jest przejściowość między klimatem oceanicznym z zachodu a lądowym ze wschodu. Polska jest krajem o przewadze nizin. Góry zajmują niewielki procent na południu kraju. Są to Karpaty i Sudety. Duży wpływ na rzeźbę terenu miały lodowce pozostawiając po sobie: jeziora, moreny denne i czołowe, pola sandrowe, które obecnie urozmaicają północną część kraju t.j. Pojezierza. Polska jest krajem przemysłowo rolniczym. Większość ludności mieszka w miastach. Wskaźnik urbanizacji kraju wynosi 58%. Polska jest krajem jednolitym narodowościowo, na mniejszości narodowe przypada około 1%. Ludność Polski wynosi ok. 40 mln. Gęstość zaludnienia 112 os/km^2. Stolicą kraju jest Warszawa. Obszar Polski wynosi 312,6 tys km^2 co stawia ją na 6 miejscu w Europie i 22 w świecie.

Ola Oszczypała

This is the story of a donkey in Northern China who was addicted to the smell of smoke. If he did not smell smoke he would become angry violent and he would not work. This donkey reminds us of the way people act when they are addicted to drugs.

有煙癮的驢子

山西有侯爲公社至上大隊，有一頭不足七歲的騾子，使役者如不給牠吸煙就拿不走牠，猶不留意，就會招來禍害，三年來，曾有十五名社員被咬傷，踢傷過，七十三歲的韓中義老漢，因用牠拉車前沒有讓牠吸煙而被牠咬傷，住院治療達半月之久。用牠聲牠鼻孔一噴，騾子時，只要把吸在咀裏的煙朝牠鼻孔一噴，騾子嗅到煙味，立刻精神煥發，揚脖挺胸，泛水直流，頓時力大無窮，十分馴服。

這頭騾子為什麼喜歡吸烟呢？原來，一九七四年春天「騾媽媽」生牠的第二天突然死去，猶心痛育牠的老飼養張青山，是全村有名的「老烟鬼」，每次給這頭小騾子喂奶時，咀裏總是叼着烟袋，日久天長，這頭騾子受到傳染，也有了烟癮。

This is one person's story about becoming a permanent resident through the Amnesty Program.

Mi nombre es Jose A. Quijano. Mi país de origen es El Salvador.

Soy un emigrante mas en este país, que como muchos otros hemos llegado a este país en busca de un mejor porvenir para nuestras familias; resolviendo los problemas que a diario se nos presentan. Nos hemos encontrado con este ultimo problema que para solucionar el probelma de nuestro status migratorio. Se nos consedío amnistía, esta ley se desarrolla en tres etapas: (1) Permiso para poder trabajar, (2) Recidencia temporal, (3) Recidencia permanente; para esta última etapa, uno tiene que demostrar que tiene conocimiento de la historia de los Estados Unidos, ademas probar que uno puede hablar, leer, y escribir el idioma Inglés. Para completar este ultimo requisito, es que estoy recibiendo este curso que consta de 60 horas.

En lo que a mi persona se refiere, cuando yo me inscribí para recibir este curso, me figé una meta la cual consistia en tratar de superarme un poco mas, para poder desenvolverme con mas facilidad en mi trabajo o en cualquier otra parte, y a la ves cumplir con el requisito que se nos pide para poder conseguir la residencia permanente en este país.

Para poder lograr todo esto, me encontré con varios probelmas entre estos, esta el tiempo que uno tiene que dedicar para poder asistir a estas clases, ya que asi como yo, la mayoria de los que asistimos a estas clases tenemos familia y un trabajo que atender; otro es la dificultad para aprender otro idioma. En este caso, el idioma inglés, ya que la mayoria de nosotros somos personas adultas, y no es lo mismo estudiar quando uno es joven. Que quando uno es adulto, pero con un poco de esfuerzo, yo creo que lo estoy logrando.

La educación que uno a recibido antes influye bastante para poder entender con mas claridad las cosas que se quiere aprender. Yo en mi pais habia estudiado hasta el 9º grado y ya de eso hace mucho tiempo. Y como es lógico ya se me habia olvidado muchas cosas.

Lo que yo he aprendido al asistir a estas clases me esta ayudando mucho, para poder desenvolverme con mas facilidad en mi trabajo. Antes a cualquier reclamo de mi jefe yo tenía que quedarme callado, aunque yo tuviera la razón, por no poder espresarme en Inglés; ahora ya me siento capas aunque no del todo, para poder discutir cualquier problema que se me presente, como ir a cualquier sitio en busca de cualquier información, buscar otro empleo, asistir a las reuniones de la escuela de mis hijos. Como les dije antes, este curso me ha ayudado mucho.

En resumen, yo me siento muy satisfecho con el programa y a la ves muy agradecido, especialmente con mi profesora que tuvo la paciencia de enseñarme para que yo pudiera aprender lo poco que ya sé. También quiero agradecer a las personas que ayudaron para que este programa se llevara a cabo, y que así como yo hay muchas personas que se han beneficiado con este plan y ya podemos aplicar para la recidencia permanente. Para asi poder tener derecho a todos los beneficios que tiene una persona que vive legalmente en este país.

下面是一幅中国的地图。中国应该是一个地域辽阔的国家。那里有四季的气候条件，包括有春、夏、秋、冬这四个季节，地大物博，人口众多。

可是，在海外的中国人民，大部份都对中国的领导政策抱有怀疑。因为一次次的政治运动都使人们感到不安，不知什麽时候会再发生的。

人们无论生活在什麽地方，都是想拥有自由生活的。如果做每一项事都受到限制的话，试问人民那里有心向着自己的国家呢？那麽中国的发展又会如何？

THE ABOVE WRITTING IS TALKING ABOUT CHINESE POLITICAL SITUATION AND THE SEASONS IN CHINA.

WHAT WE
THINK
ABOUT
EVERYDAY
LIVING
I.NUNEZ

LATCHKEY KIDS

by Ignacio Nunez

In America, millions of children go home to an empty house after school. The reason is simple. School hours and adult work hours are not the same.

Letting children stay home alone doesn't have to be a bad idea. That's the finding in several new studies on "latchkey" children.

"For working parents, the news is good," say psychologists and experts. Just because you are not home doesn't mean your children will suffer. Also, they mentioned that anywhere from 2 million to 10 million kids are "latchkey children". Experts said that 15% of children from age 6 to 9 come home to an empty house. Among kids from 9 to 11, the rate jumps to 45%.

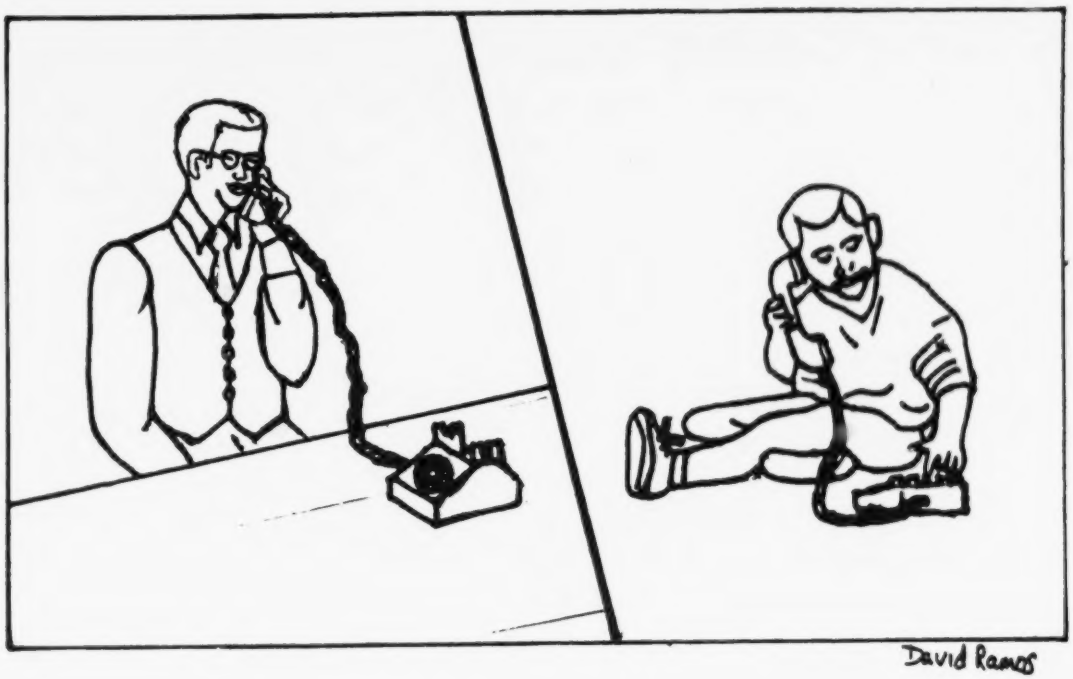
Jay Belsky, of Pennsylvania State University, is an expert on "latchkey kids". He said it's best if the parent and child check in with each other by phone.

If school-age children are free to wander as they like after school, they may be getting the wrong message. Mr. Belsky says, "They get the sense they are not really cared about."

Children of five at home alone are in the greatest danger.

It is vital for parents to teach children what to do if a fire breaks out.

In some cities, a telephone hotline has been set up for children. They can talk to a caring adult, if they are scared or worried. That can happen if a parent is late in getting home, or if a hornet has gotten into the house, and the child can't reach parents by phone at their jobs. More than 360 kids' hotlines exist across the nation.



TIPS FOR SAFETY

* Make sure the child knows where to go if he or she forgets the house key.

* Set up clear rules. Post them on the refrigerator or where they can be easily seen. If possible, phone home to see how things are going.

* Also, you can give the child some phone numbers to call if adult help is needed.

SWEATSHOPS AND THE POOR PEOPLE

by Carmen Real

It is unfortunate that many of our key industries have located plants overseas, namely, in the so called Third World Countries, where many of our jobs are going and not really helping those poor people.

As a worker and traveler, I can tell you from first-hand experience the results of this maneuver. What should have been a blessing for those people, is instead a nightmare, especially for the ones that work in the garment industry. They are being exploited by low wages and long hours. They are just like the sweatshops that still exist in California or in New York. Our Union - ILGWU - has been fighting so hard, for more than 75 years, to obtain high wages and countless benefits for their numbers.

Meanwhile, in those countries, unions are not well organized and some have not unions at all. That's why the wages they are paid - 3 dollars a day - are in many cases the minimun and certainly not adequate to maintain any sort of accepted standard of living.

So the logical question is: Who's to blame for this situation? I would say: The trade of industrial countries, and the greed and lack of compassion on the part of some manufacturers, who abandon this country and establish overseas to escape taxes and make big profits and pay three dollars for one day of work - the equivalent of less than a half hour if that work were made over here. Also, I blame the governments of those countries, which permit the exploitation of their poor people.

Believe me, I have seen their misery and suffering. It is a heart-breaking situation; a situation that they can afford to make better. The pay for skilled people's work is so little over there and they sell garments at prices as if they were made here.

The minimum for operators is $6.75, according to our Union. God bless our Union.

by Carmen Pena

PLEASE LISTEN TO ALL OF MY INSTRUCTIONS AND FOLLOW THEM CAREFULLY.

* If there is a sign where they say: "Do not smoke" - do it.

* Always look where the exit doors are located. Make sure you can operate them.

* Practice a fire alarm at least twice a yeaar.

* In case of fire, don't panic. It can be dangerous for others in the shop.

* Take precautions in case solvents or dangerous liguids are around where people are smoking.

* Never try to get a heavy object without someone to help you.

* Make sure the bathroom is clean. If it is not, tell the one who is in charge or call the Health Department.

- BECAUSE YOU SPEND MORE TIME IN YOUR SHOP THAN AT HOME, YOU HAVE TO FEEL COMFORTABLE ALL THE TIME.

IT IS TIME

by May and Jean

It is evening. Carol stands on a platform speaking to the residents:

Carol: Now it's time to do something to get away from the misery.

Tom: What do you think we can do?

Carol: We should get together, fight against the government to get our rights. We must show them our power and win our seat in the government.

Tom: But it's not so easy to get people together, and I'm afraid we could get hurt from them.

Carol: Don't be afraid. We have to do something to let them know that we're Black, but we are people too. We have to act right now. We can't wait for someone to give us. We have to fight, fight, fight for changes in our lives. Don't waste our time.

Tom: Let's go people, make a revolution, It is time!

THE EARTH

Our planet the earth, is the property of each one of us. That is the reason that everyone has the obligation to work in its conservation, to keep the earth in good condition.

Our air, cannot be contaminated. It is our life; it has to be clean. Our rivers, mountains, and animals have to be protected around the world. We don't have to use dangerous products that cause death in our land.

Josephine Joghtly

These are interviews that the students conducted with one another.

Dear Reader,

My classmate's name is Carlos Taynys. He is from Los Rios, Educador. He has lived eight years in New York. He is single and his favorite color is red. He says it is the color of love. My friend likes to listen to love songs in his spare time.

by Clara Paez

Dear Reader,

My classmates' name is Jose Castro. He is from Honduras. He speaks Spanish and is learning English. Jose is single and has been living in New York for five years. His favorite sport is football. He likes to watch T.V. in his spare time. He enjoys watching Knightrider. In the future he plans to buy a big car like a Lincoln Continental.

by Isabel Zapata

Dear Reader,

My classmate's name is Lily Chiang and she is from Malaysia. She has lived in the United States for 11 years and is married. Lily likes to cook in her spare time. She also likes to jog in her spare time.

Dear Reader,

My classmates's name is Aida Rovalino. Aida is from Ecuador. She has lived in New York for ten years. Her favorite color is pink. Her favorite food is seafood. Aida loves the ballet . In the future she wants to travel around the world.

by Etelvina Mosquera

Dear Reader,

My classmate's name is Isabel Cristina Zapata. She is from Medellin, Colombia. She is single. She likes eating salads and her favorite color is blue. Isabel likes to play racquetball in her sparetime. She also enjoys reading. One of her plans for the future is to buy a house.

by Jose Castro

Dear Reader,

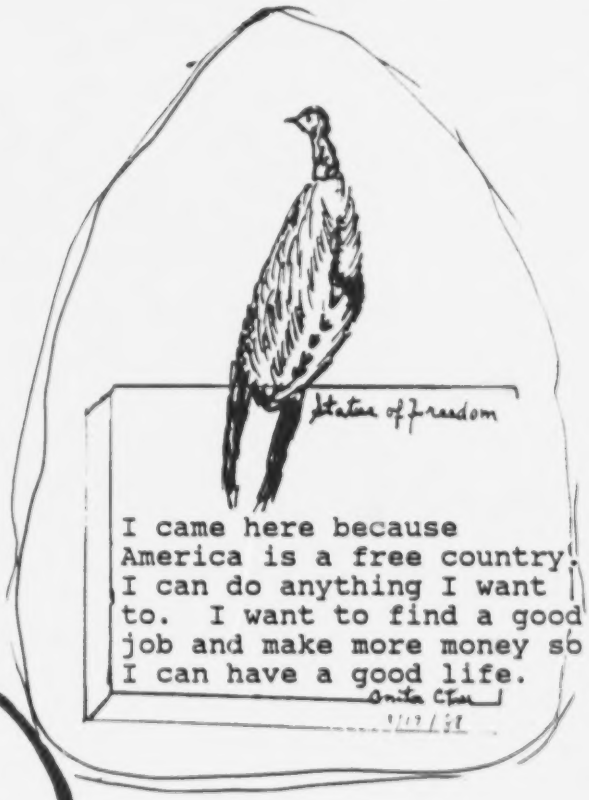
My classmate's name is Shelley Hsieh. She is from Taiwan. She speaks Mandarin Chinese. She has lived six years in the U.S.A. Shelley loves to eat fish and in her spare time, she likes to bowl and play the piano. In the future she would like to go live in Taiwan.

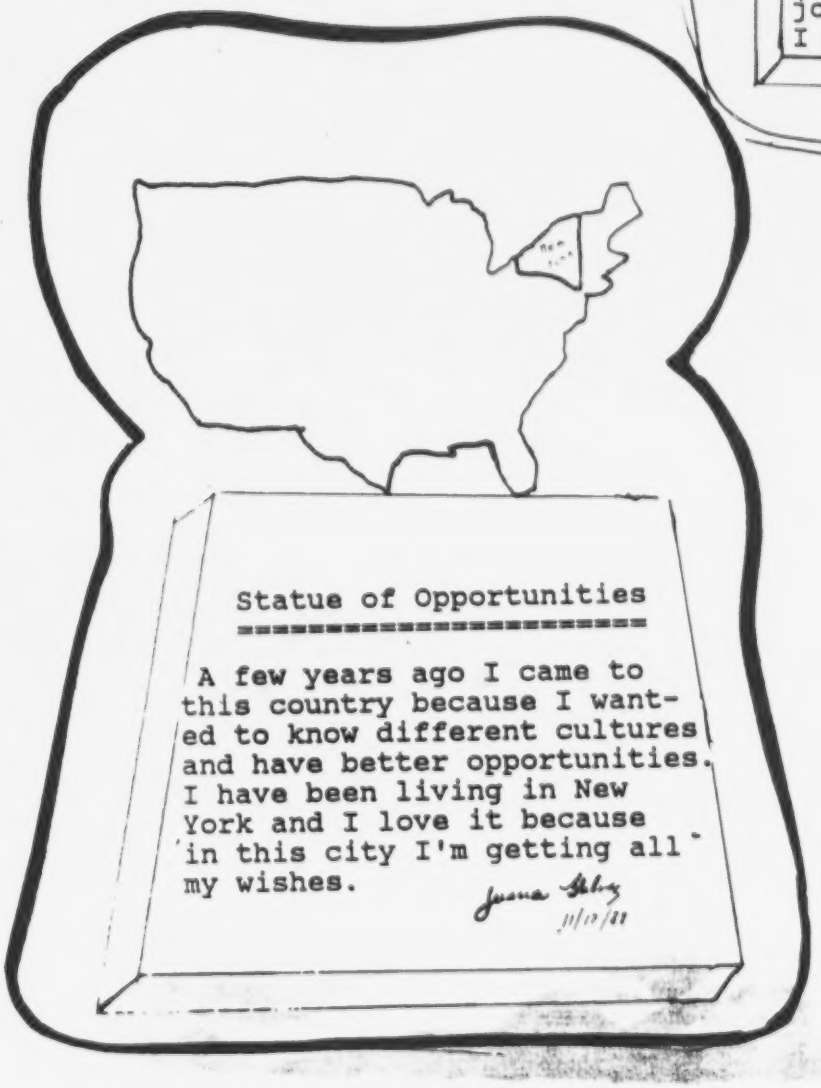
by Chu La Man

by Rosa Cruz

To live in the United States is a dream come true for me.

I love my job because I do the kind of work that I like. I like my English class.


Statue of freedom
I came here because America is a free country. I can do anything I want to. I want to find a good job and make more money so I can have a good life.


Statue of Opportunities
A few years ago I came to this country because I wanted to know different cultures and have better opportunities. I have been living in New York and I love it because in this city I'm getting all my wishes.

A CONVERSATION WITH WISDOM

by Heriberta Ramirez

It's a nice morning. A group of kids are having a conversation with an old lady named Miss Ann. She tells one of the boys to read a book. Once he finishes reading he asks:

Michael: Are you a Christian?

Miss Ann: Yes, I am. I will be a Christian all my life.

Nancy: Miss Ann, I heard that people who become Christian have long, long lives because they are dedicating their lives to God, and he takes care of them.

Miss Ann: Well Nancy, God loves everybody good and even bad people, but the best thing to do in our lives is to dedicate a little time to God by going to church at least once a month.

Nancy: Miss Ann, you don't know how glad I am. I learned a lot in this conversation and I will tell my parents and friends about the beautiful things I have learned this day. I promise you that I will be the first one in the next meeting.

Miss Ann: O.K. boys and girls, this is good enough for today. We will have something different to talk about in the next meeting and I hope to see you all.

THREE DIMENSIONS

I. NUNEZ

I'M NOT REALLY BAD

There's no place in me for any infirmity*.

I'm one whole piece from head to toe, ready to grow.

My body's strong, clean, with all the hope that I need for living.

No place at all for ill to stay, just loving joy from day to day.

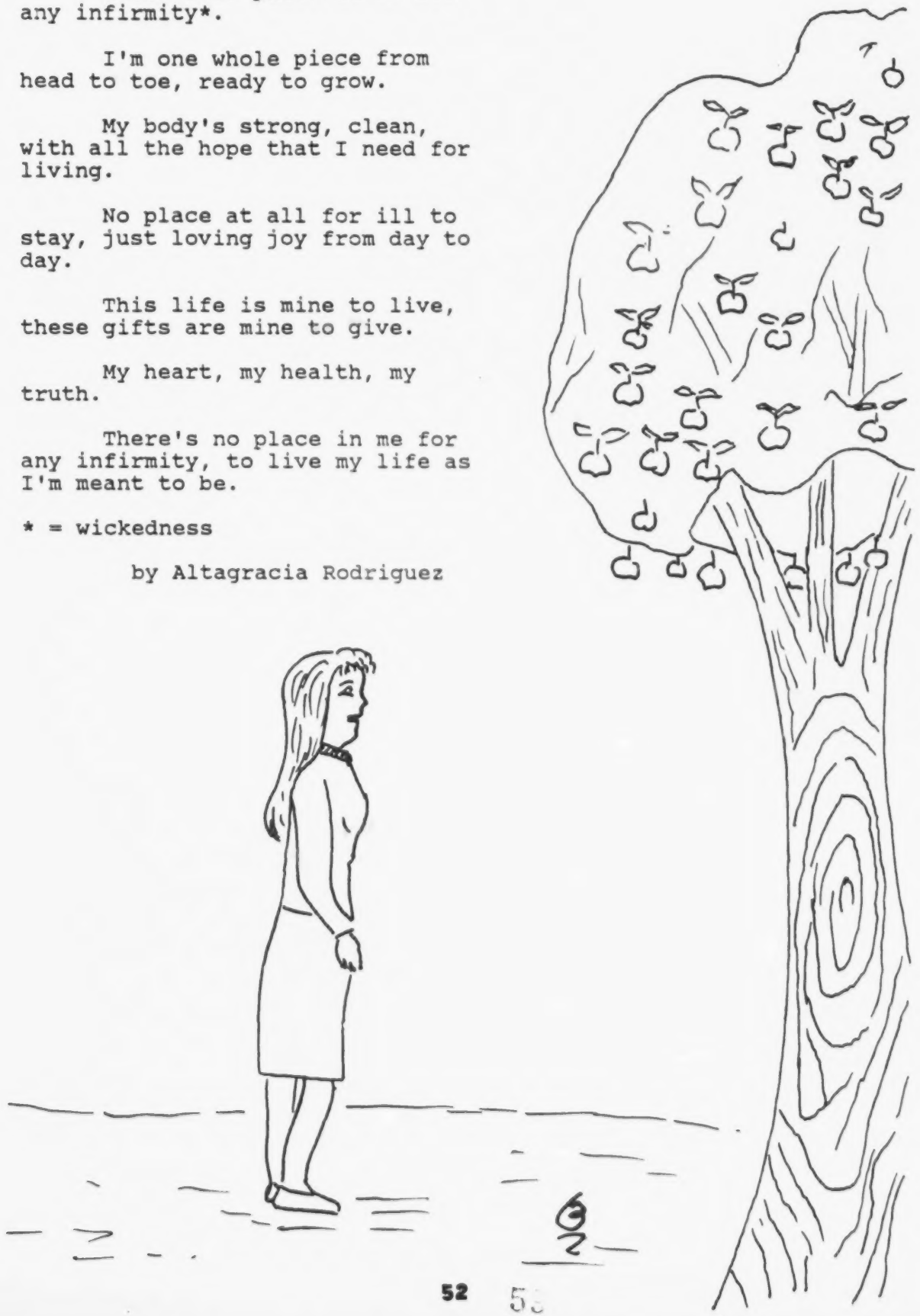
This life is mine to live, these gifts are mine to give.

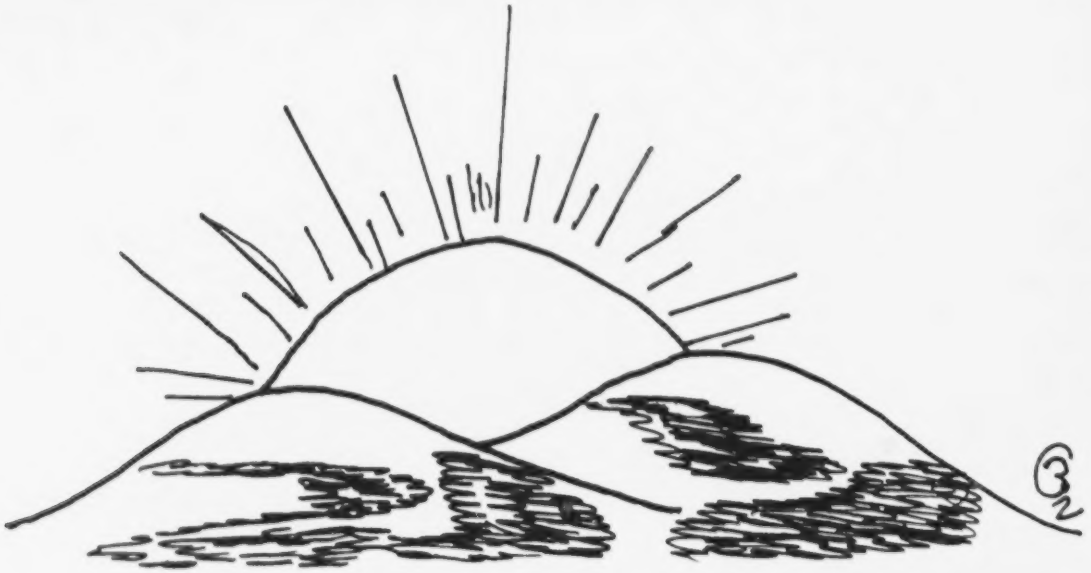
My heart, my health, my truth.

There's no place in me for any infirmity, to live my life as I'm meant to be.

* = wickedness

by Altagracia Rodriguez





There's a good and bad side. One side is sleeping.
One side is awake as long as the bad side is sleeping.

Carmen Pena

A MOOD POEM

by Segunda Bustamante

I feel great!

NOT happy-go-lucky great,
NOT enough to shout it out
to the world great,
NOT even
shopping-binge-prone great.

But just plain great.

JOYFUL that my son just
opened a small business.
JOYFUL that I have a good
family.
JOYFUL that I have a son
who is going to the
university.

MOOD POEMS

I am Happy!
Not stupid happy
Not deliriously happy
Not passionately happy

But just gratefully happy

Glad that I can study English for
free
Glad that I have a good job
Glad that I am not alone in this
country.

by Micky Taracha

I am furious!

Not ready to kill furious
Not furious enough to beat
somebody up
Not even furious enough to tell
someone to go jump in a lake

But just run of the mill

Angry about the crazy weather
Angry about a pain in my back
Angry about the fact that English
is so hard for me to learn

by Carlos Medina

A MOOD POEM

by Jorge Garay

I am tired!
Not exhaustedly tired.
Not dead tired
Not "pick me up - that I'm
falling" tired.
But just sleepily tired.

Sleepy because, I work too
much.
Sleepy because, I have some
problems at home.
Sleepy because, I am not in
good health.

A MOOD POEM

by Paulina Villagomez

I am feeling depressed!

Not - sickly depressed,
Not - suicidely depressed,
Not - leave me alone
"depressed".

But - needing company
depressed.

Sad - that my ex-husband
just passed away.
Sad - that my children are
upset about it.

Sad - that I must go through
this at this time in my life.

I am tired!

Not sick and tired
Not dropping dead tired

But just nap-ready tired

Weary of all the work I have to do
everyday
Weary of the constant trains
delays
Weary of the early morning
"routine-trap."

by Rosaura Calderon

MOOD POEMS

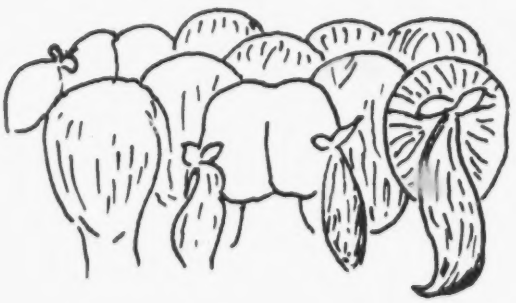
I LOVE NEW YORK!

Not madly
Not blindly
Not passionately

But simply...

Because it has plenty of
opportunity
Because it has plenty of culture
Because it has plenty of diversity

by Carmen Fedson



A MOOD POEM

by Ellsa Wong

I am sad -

- not seriously sad
- not truly sad
- not really sad

But just moodily sad.

Unhappy - that I feel bored.
Unhappy - that my china broke.
Unhappy - that I am not 15 years old anymore.

I AM SAD

not hysterically sad,
not enough to cry
myself to death sad,
not even
melancholically sad.

Frustrated because I do not have money to pay rent.

Frustrated because I am far from my home country.

Frustrated because it has been a long time since I saw my father last.

Luis Rodriguez

A MOOD POEM

by Fulvia Martinez

I am upset!

Not furiously upset!
Not crazily upset!
not passionately upset!

But I am just coldly upset.

Angry that there is no heat at work,
Angry that even though I had my coat and scarf on, I still almost froze to death.

SCARED ALL THE TIME

Last night when a plane flew by, I felt very scared; it shook the windows.

I feel scared when the sky is dark. When I see blood flow, I start to sweat.

I feel scared when I listen to a woman who sings across the street because she sings like a goose.

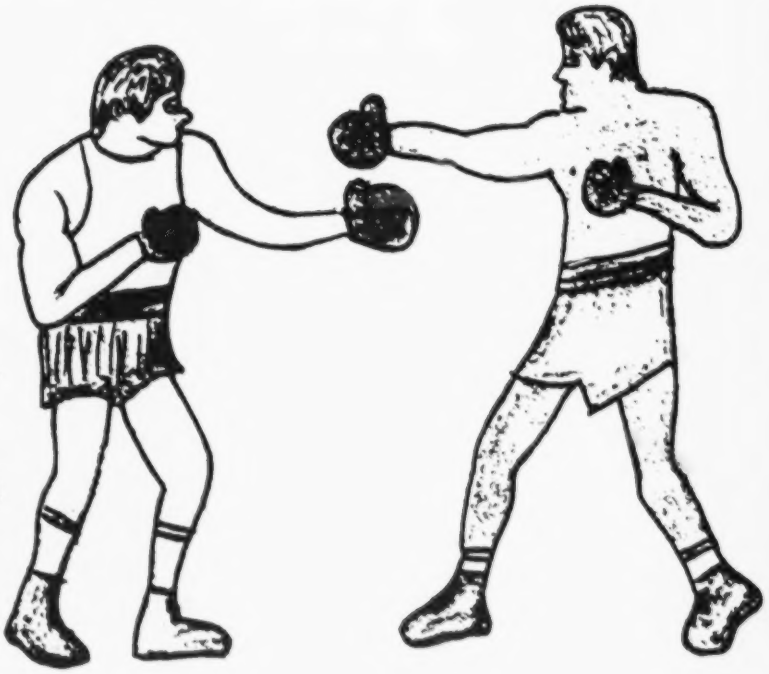
Last year I was shaking because my daughter came home very late.

I feel scared when somebody tries to break in through the window. I start to sweat.

Yolanda Cordova

A MOOD POEM

by Fanny Jin

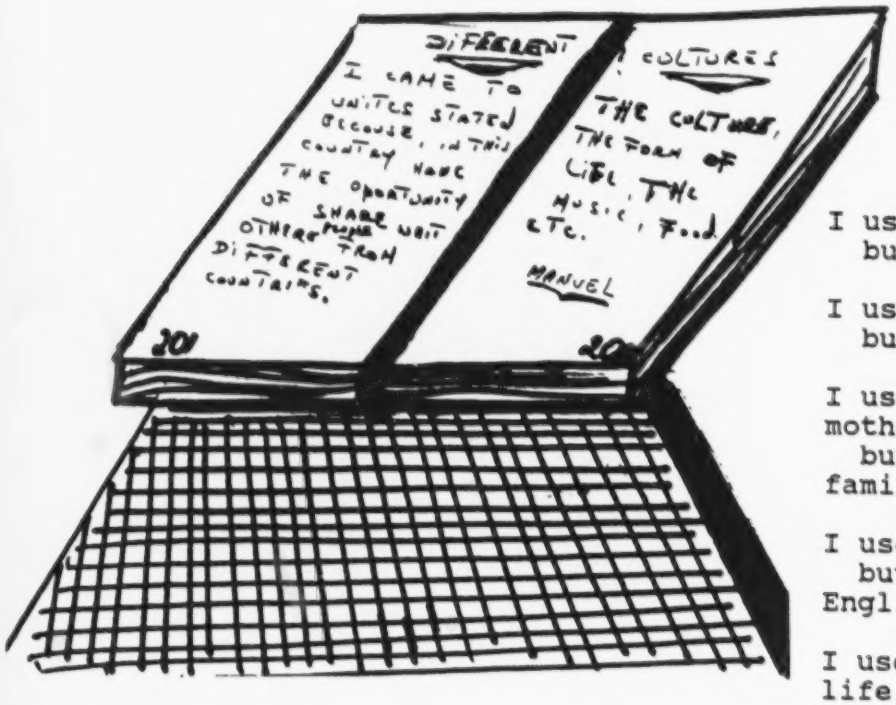


I am upset!

Not furiously upset.
Not upset enough to have an argument.
Not upset enough to even tell a friend about it.

But just generally upset.

Unhappy that I have to spend a long time waiting for the subway train.
Unhappy that I haven't yet looked for a good job.
Unhappy that I just speak a little English.



POEM

by Ambrosia Badiz

I used to live in Honduras,
  but now I live in New York.

I used to eat mangos,
  but now I eat grapefruit.

I used to live with my mother,
  but now I have my own family.

I used to speak Spanish,
  but now I learn to speak English.

I used to want to change my life,
  but now I have a beautiful teacher in my class.

My teacher is beautiful

The music very nice

It makes me happy to be

With my family and friends.

Douglas Guerrero

The music is very nice for dance

What makes you happy

It makes me happy to be

With my family and friends.

Group composition by
Lori's class

I love you, I met you

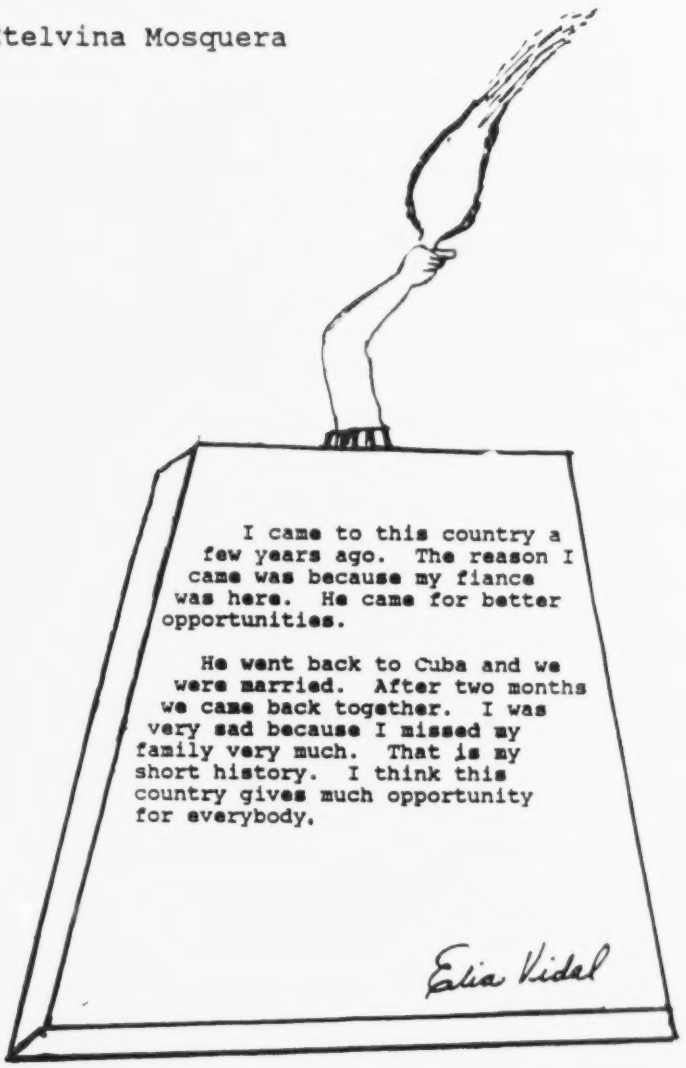
When I not see you I cried,

When I see you I'm very happy I smile and dance

I liked you.

Solo fine.

-Etelvina Mosquera


I came to this country a few years ago. The reason I came was because my fiance was here. He came for better opportunities.
He went back to Cuba and we were married. After two months we came back together. I was very sad because I missed my family very much. That is my short history. I think this country gives much opportunity for everybody.
Elia Vidal

I love the music

I dance the music

The music a very nice

The music is about love because

I think that is a love song

For dancing it's very romantic.

Group composition by
Lori's class

LOOKING
FOR A
CHANGE
I. NUNEZ

COCAINE

The National Institute On Drug Abuse says, that about five million Americans now use cocaine regularly.

The medical evidence shows that cocaine is an addiction, and an extremely dangerous drug.

Recent reported studies proved this drug is three times more lethal than heroin.

Recently movies stars and sports figures have died from effects of cocaine on the cardiovascular system.

The number of cocaine related deaths and injuries has risen dramatically in the last few years.

The actual number of deaths, was probably much higher, since most cocaine related deaths are reported as something else.

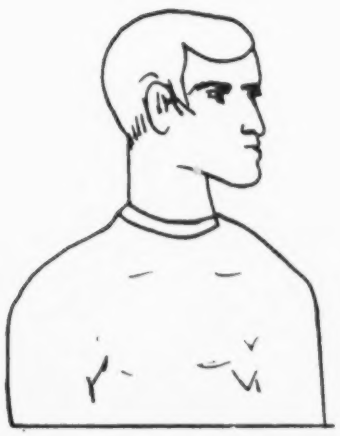
Reports of heart attack deaths in cocaine users with no personal or family history of cardiovascular disease have begun to be reported with increasing frequency, the cocaine has a variety of effects on the body, among other things it alters heart rate and causes rhythm irregularities.

High doses may also have a toxic effect on the heart muscle, producing cardiac arrest.

The supply of cocaine is apparently increasing and the price dropping with possible future increases in the number of users.

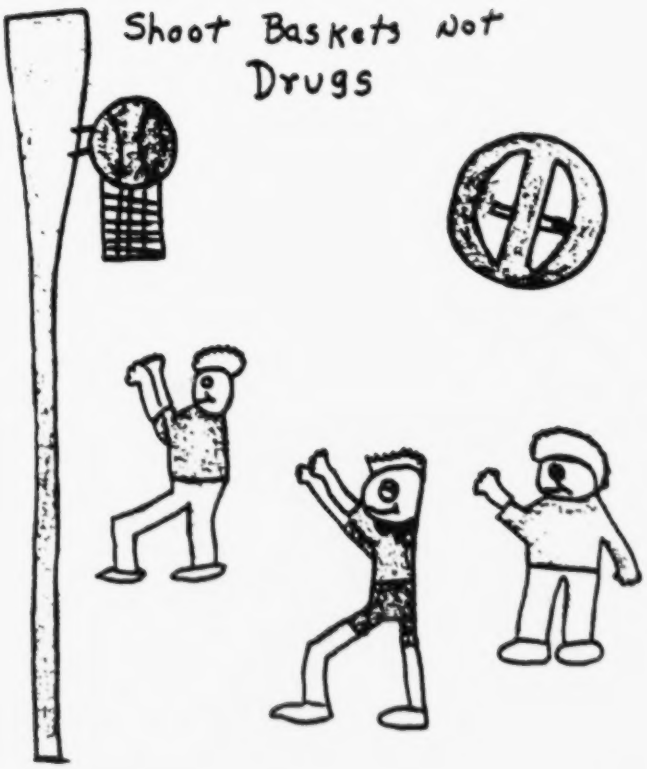
Indeed the rich and sophisticated people like athletes of the first rank, are no more likely to be immune to the lethal effects than anyone else

COCAINE = Is a sustance that is extracted from the Coca Tree. We can find this tree in South America (Peru). They use to take it in coffee or tea.



-Altagracia Rodriguez

by David Ramos



"Don't use Drugs"

DRUG PROBLEMS

by Benito Brito

My name is Benito Brito. I was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. I live in New York City. I have three children.

I am worried about the future of my children because this country has many problems with drugs. Nobody is safe.

This is a big problem because the children have danger in school.

In response to an article in JUSTICE.

The article I read was about two co-workers who got fired in a factory at Nappa California. The reason they were fired was because they joined a union and told the truth about the working conditions.

I read a part in the article that the two co-workers, Guzman and Nunez, were not called by their names. For example the boss would call them by saying "hey" or whistle at them. I feel this is very disrespectful. They should be treated like human beings not like animals.

I also read another part of the article that Guzman and Nunez didn't have good hospital benefits in the factory they were working at. I feel that factories should have good benefits, and I agree with the two men for wanting to complain and seek justice by joining a union.

by Jose Rosa

Statue of Flowering Opportunities

I like to live here because there is more freedom, more food and more work opportunity in America than China.
I want to learn more English so I can find a good job and make more money. I hope I become a lab technician.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

by Judy Ng

Our names are Christina, Angel and Judy. We work in a garment factory in New York.

Most of the factories don't have good conditions. They have bad conditions such as: insufficient heat in the winter, not such good air conditioning in the summer, a lot of things scattered everywhere, no place to walk, the floor is very dirty, the bathroom is always dirty and it stinks, and there is dust everywhere.

Someone has to clean up the floor, bathroom and everywhere. Do not put anything by the exit. In the winter we should have more heat. In the summer, we should have air conditioning or have fans, and windows open.

Most of the buildings are very old, so the elevators and the stairs should be fixed, and the mechanics should check it twice a month.

There are many things that can be done to improve our health and safety.

BEHIND THE SHADOW

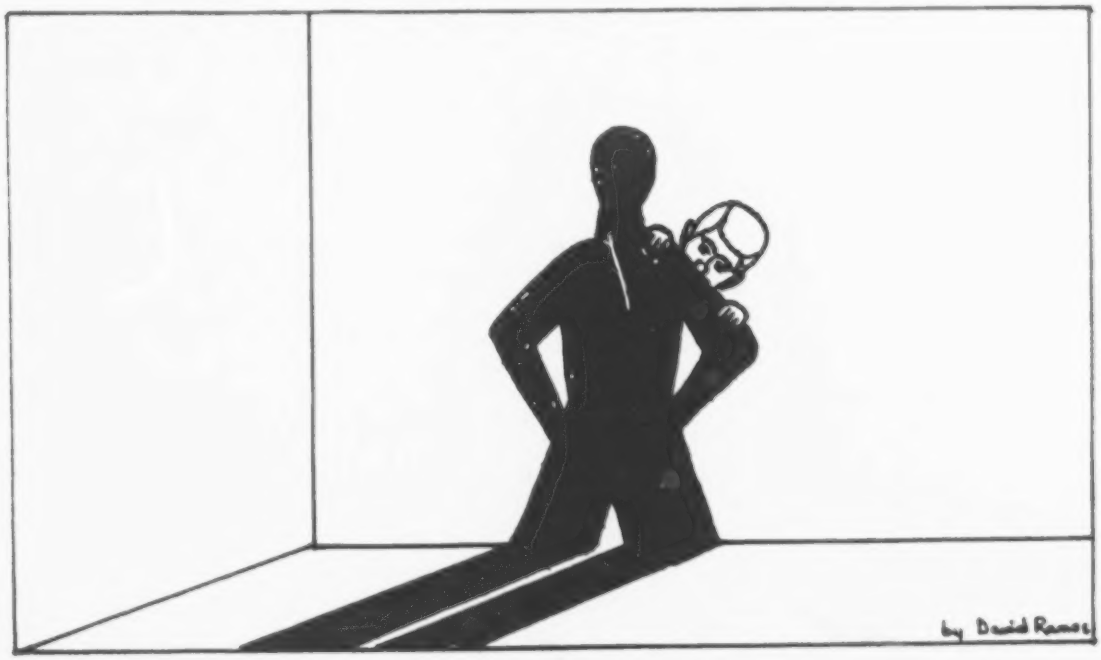
There are many people in New York living behind the shadow, because there's no other way to live. Hiding, being grudged, being deserted at work, schools, it never stops.

We can recount the story of Juan. Juan is 45 years old. He came to the U.S. 8 years ago. When he arrived in L.A., he paid $3,000 for the fare, and then without money in his pocket and only the address of a friend of the coyote, he went looking for a job and found it. But he had to work in the most unfavorable conditions for 10 or 12 hours a day with the lowest wage. After two years, he would bring his family to the U.S.

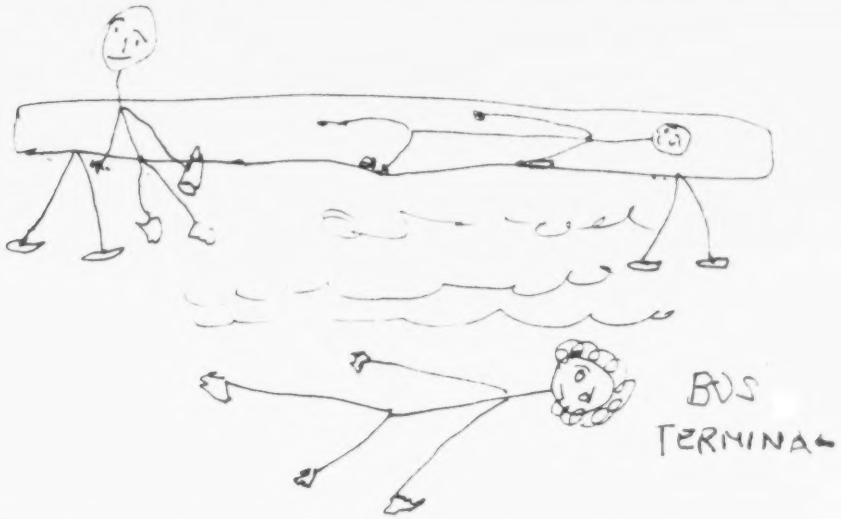
One day, Juan was caught by the Immigration Patrol when he was going to the beach. He wouldn't go back to his country so he decided to escape from the Immigration Center. Juan was having too many problems in L.A., so he thought that he could have a better life in N.Y. - the place where he has been living until the present date.

There are many people living like Juan in this country. Some of them have received a ray of light, getting an opportunity to become a legal resident of the U.S., but most of them are still living behind the shadow.

Oswaldo Mantilla



Today I saw many people at the bus terminal, dirty hair and clothes. I don't know why they look this way.



My opinion is Mayor Koch is supposed to help these people.

Yolanda Cordova

A vicious criminal should get all the law allows. I believe that the judge is right when he sent Copeland to jail for 25 years to life, because I considered that Copeland is a very bad person. He has no respect for the law and he has no respect for anybody either. So I believe that he must be in jail forever with out parole. But if he wants to be a good person he has to learn how, but I think that will be very hard for him because the "beast" can not understand how to be a real human being.

by Raul Velasco

Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
I HAVE A DREAM

This history is about a man, whom many people loved very much. He came from a poor family just like many of us. As he began to understand how the people were divided, he wanted to change that. Being a man of peace Dr. King had known it would be a long and hard struggle, but he was determined to improve the condition of Blacks and others in the United States of Amrica.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a man with a great dream. A dream that one day all humans would be treated with equal justice.

Dr. King was born on January 15, 1929. He enjoyed and loved to listen to his father speak in church and when he grew up, he wanted to be just like his father.

As the years passed, Dr. King attended school where he learned about the history of his people. He was greatly inspired by the deeds of the great men and women, who had devoted their lives to improving the conditions of Blacks in the United States. That's when he HAD A DREAM of doing something one day to help his people.

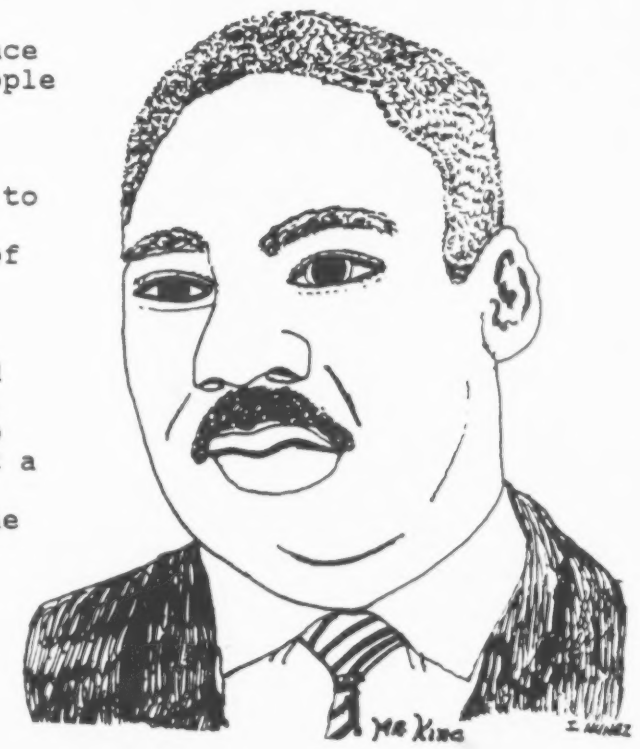
He would use non-violent strategies to deal with racial segregation. Although he was arrested and put in prison, Dr. King would go on to fight for the freedom of his fellowmen. He would go on to become a very famous leader in the civil rights movement of the 1950's and 1960's, because of his success in the resistance movement against unjust laws.

Everywhere he went, he encountered hatred and violence from racists. Many white people agreed with him.

Dr. King's philosophy prevailed and he would go on to work even harder for the movement and his people all of which would lead up to his assassination.

Dr. King loved and served humanity while he was living. In conclusion I would like to say, that most Americans lost a great leader, because he was loved by so many people in the United States of America.

by
Ignacio Nunez



THE GATHERING OF THE PILGRIMS

by Marie Fouche,
Socorro Talavera, and
Louisane Pierre

People are coming from different directions, looking for a way out of trouble, maybe a new way of life. It seems that they are reaching the end of their journey. They are all rejoicing to meet each other at the same point

All: Wow! We made it at last!

M: Everything is going to be beautiful.

S: What do you think of that?

M: We are all going to hold hands together to start anew.

S: Yes. That will be a good idea.

M: I hope that everybody will agree with this new life.

S: Oh sure. Why not, because everybody has dreams, we are here for that.

M: You know, I think you are right but sometimes it is not easy, but we are going to fight together to make our dreams come true.

All: (Holding hands) Let us begin.

THE WAY TO FREEDOM

by Leither Alleyne

Miss Jones: I am pleased to give this religious lecture to this mixed gathering

John: Miss Jones, you said a religious lecture. Are you a Christian?

Miss Jones: Oh yes, I am a Christian.

John: I brought these friends of mine so you can lecture to them. Of the five who came, three of them believe in the bible.

Miss Jones: I will lecture to them, but the lecture will be short.

John: But why?

Miss Jones: Since I have already had a lecture earlier, I can't stay too long. The subject will be on John the prophet.

John: John the prophet?

Miss Jones: Yes.

John: Can I change my seat? The sun is shinning very much in my direction.

Miss Jones: Yes, if it is uncomfortable. It is time to begin the lecture, which I must remind you, will be short. I am very tired since this is the second lecture.

John: Sorry to interupt,- Can you tell me why the chain is extended across the classroom?

Miss Jones: As you continue to read the book you are reading, you will know why that chain was put there. It was for some unknown reason which I can't explain.

John: Who was John?

Miss Jones: He was a prophet. One who believed in God's laws. I am very glad, that you all have come for me to lecture to you I enjoyed lecturing to you all, please come again.

John: Can I leave my book with you for the next lecture? I am not quite through reading it.

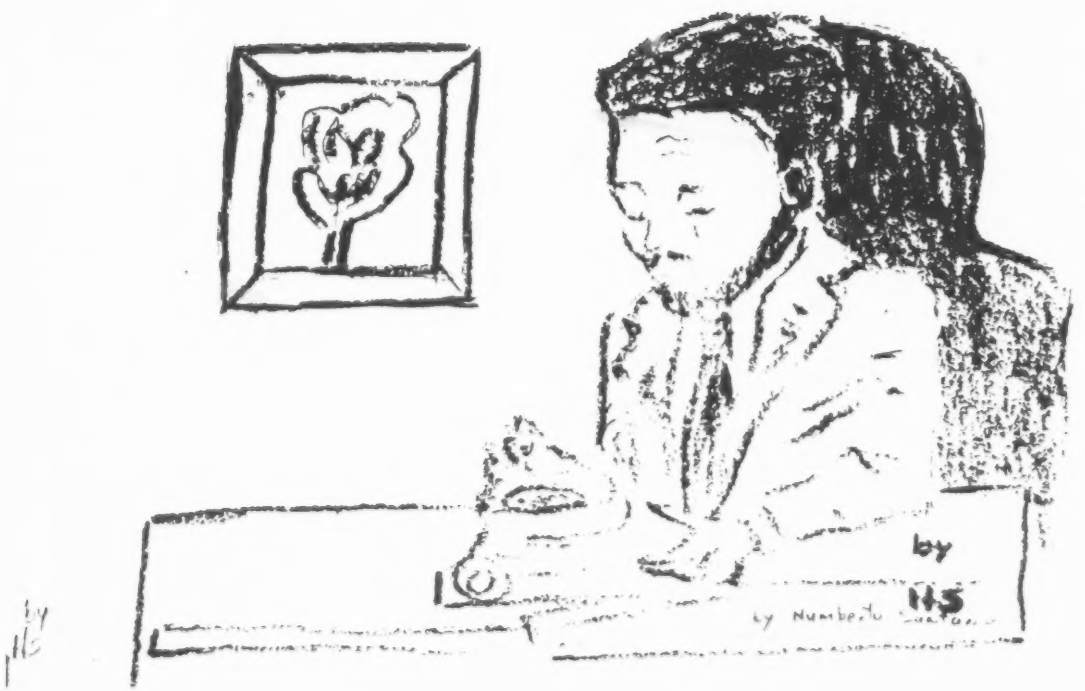
Miss Jones: Yes, you may leave your book with me for our next meeting.

John: There is some very interesting chapters in this book that I am reading. I would like to complete it.

Miss Jones: Oh! yes and what is it all about?

John: It's about freedom. But will we ever be free? I pray and hope some day.

Miss Jones: I am sorry you have to leave. The conversation with you was very interesting. See you all next week.



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Parents can and may participate in the school's district elections. All people can make our schools better. Parents can contribute to resolve the problems.

Do you know what are the problems or the needs of the schools of your children? Do you know the function or work of the Parent Teachers Association? Who participates in the P.T.A.? Do you ask who takes part in the direction of your school district? What they do? They are the candidates for the school district.

Work, family, playing, and trips are all necessary. But to participate and to know democracy as it benefits our children; that too is necessary and our responsibility as parents. We people who worry about the future of humanity, this country and the future of the Latin American people must use our democratic rights.

The principal necessity is to obtain the most participation of the parents in the democratic process. We all love to learn, and we all need to give a lot to education and our schools. The biggest treasure of the nations and humanity are our kids.

C. Fernando Salamanca

A HEROIC WOMAN

by
M. Claude
Kathleen John

SUSAN B. ANTHONY

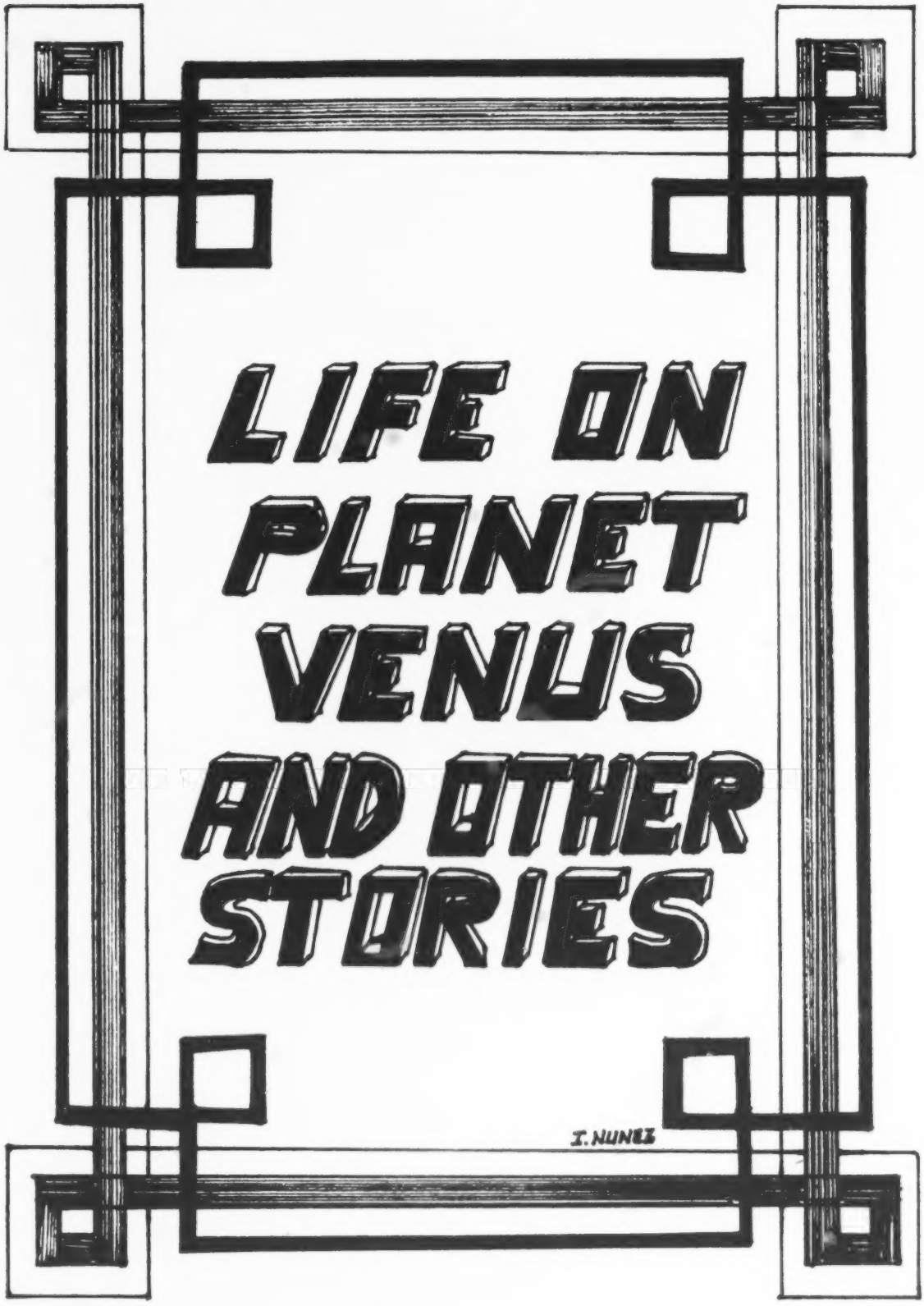
In 1853 there was a woman named Susan B. Anthony. She was a female teacher, that stood up for teachers rights at a convention. There were only men at that convention, and when she spoke, she asked for teachers to be respected as professionals, and to give an equal opportunity for all children in the states.

In that same year of 1853 women were considered as citizens, and their place was to take care of other things in the home. But that did not stop her from fighting. She went on to fight for women's rights and the right for labor. There were men in that committee who thought that women had no right to take part in it. The men were shocked when she stood up and asked to speak; to let them know that they had no more brains than a woman did.

She decided that she and other women had the right to take part in the debate of the convention. Though they were all male, progressive, professionals, and even radical, she listened to their debate. Then Ms. Anthony rose and asked to speak, and with shock they fell to silence, and the female teacher had her say. She commented on the disrespect the males had towards women. When they said women had no talent to be professional in any other field. She proceeded in making them see they were wrong. Later in 1856, Susan B. Anthony ran for president of N.Y.S.T.A. Though she gained but two votes, she knew she had made a difference, and today the history continues to unfold for both men and women.

When we look back on years gone by, we can be proud of some of the women who fought for women's rights. Women had few places in society where they were expected to be, in the home, as teachers, and nurses, very sheltered jobs and more of a nurturing position. They accepted it with no further comment; they were second class citizens and stayed as such.

In 1906 she died. Her death ended a proud history that continues to unfold with the effort of all N.Y.S.T.A members that both men and women are alike.


LIFE ON
PLANET
VENUS
AND OTHER
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LIFE ON PLANET VENUS

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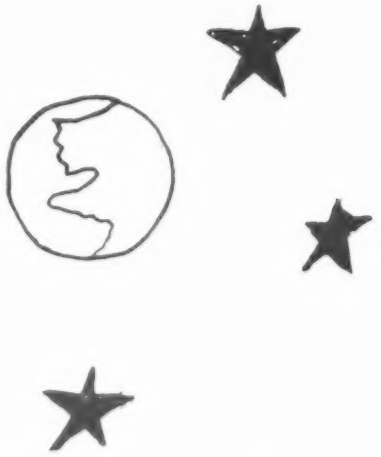
LIFE ON THE PLANET VENUS

"Attention, attention, this is the planet Venus. 1,2,3 this is a test."

Flash Gordon is yelling, "Whoever can hear me, this is an emergency call. Answer please, my wife is having a baby."

A super police martian from Pluto heard a telepathic message through his antenna. The police martian wants to know the exact location of the emergency call and who needs help. He sends a message out to Venus, "I'm a police martian from Pluto, I am receiving your message. Tell me what part of Venus you are on, and we will help you as soon as possible."

Flash Gordon answers, "Thank you for your cooperation but my wife already had triplets. But, I still can't leave Venus because my space ship is broken."



"Yes, but you must tell me where you are located." says the police martian.

Flash Gordon says, "Okay, we are at latitude 35.07 to the north. It is very easy to get to us but it will be dark pretty soon, so if you can come right away, please do it. We need you."

The super police martian heard everything and ran as soon as he could and gave the help that they needed.

by Altagracia Rodriguez

"Alright tell me where you are located."

"My location is in New York."

"OK. I'll send somebody there to fix your space ship. Don't worry, be happy!" said the martian.

"Oh! Thank you very much, you saved our lives.

by Christina Chin

"Yes but you must tell me where you are located," says the police martian.

"We are in the Mountain of the White Bear, in the north of Venus."

"Ok, I'm going to send somebody to get you out of there," the super police martian answered.

Flash Gordon says, "When the help comes we will get out of Venus and go toward Pluto."

by Rosa Prados &
Carmen Pena

The super policeman answers, "Congratulations to your wife and you too, but I can't come to help you if you don't tell me what part of Venus you are in."

Flash Gordon answers,"I'm sorry, I'm in the fourth hemisphere of Venus."

The super police martian says, "Take care of your family. We will be there in 3 minutes by 'Beam me up' transportation."

Flash Gordon says, "Thank you."

by Caroline Leon

"Don't worry about it I'll send you somebody to help you as soon as possible," said the police martian.

"Ok my friend, I'll be waiting for you up here so don't delay.", said Flash Gordon.

by David Ramos

"Don't worry, we are going to fix it. Tell us more details about where you are located. Bill and I could get there right away. In the mean time relax and have fun with your triplets."

"Well I wish I could but I can't. Please hurry, I'm in the south-west of Venus," said Flash Gordon.

"Alright we are coming over now. Be patient."

by Angel Hui

The police martian said, "Don't worry I'll send somebody to fix your ship. That way you can go back home and enjoy your new family."

by Olinda

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A FRIGHT NIGHT

by Raul Velasco

I was living in a nice place but one day I had a problem with the landlord who told me that I had to leave my apartment. Then I went to find another apartment but I didn't find one. After three months my friend came to me and told me that he had found a nice apartment but when I went to see the apartment I was scared because the house was very old and it was near a river.

When I knocked on the door the door, it just opened by itself. I really felt surprised and when I walked into the house I saw a big human shape. It was transforming from a human into an animal just like a wolf but he went out of my sight when he saw me.

I really wanted to escape from that house but I didn't because the door was locked. But immediately I saw a knife and went looking for the exit door. When I was looking for it I heard organ music playing. A horrible soud came from the basement, I started shaking, and sweating. Just at that moment I felt something coming behind me. When I looked back I saw a big black cat smiling at me and he told me, "Welcome to the House of Horror." Also he told me that I ha[illegible] to get out of that house because it's 11:30 P.M. and at 12:00 midnight a vampire will appear here. I didn't want to believe him because I believe in God and I have a holy cross hanging from my neck. Also I have holy water and many many wooden stakes.

I said, "Please get me out to the vampire's grave because I want to kill him and if I try to sleep I will have many nightmares about your vampire friend."

But he answered me, "Don't be looking around for him because I'm the person you are looking for."

In fact I really started sweating then and looked around to find a way out. But the only way to get out of the house was through an outline of my body in the wall.

THE END

THE HAUNTED HOUSE

by Iris Silva

In a small town in upstate called Deposit there was an old dark house. The windows and door were broken. It was 12:00 midnight. It was raining and the thunder was booming.

I peeked through the door and walked into the house. It was very dark and I was scared. The wind squeaked the door and windows. I felt dizzy and began to sweat. I climbed the creeking stairs to the second floor. I saw a room to my right. I saw a light through the door, I walked into a terrible room where there was blood on the walls and on a table in the center. I felt something scary behind me. I felt very shaky. I ran out of the room very fast, through the door. I got to the left and ran down the stairs and out. I said to myself I'll never come back to this haunted house.

It was a Friday night. It started raining when I saw a very old house, at the end of a narrow road. The door was ajar. I opened it completely and a black cat ran up the stairs. My heart beat raced but I was curious, I wanted to see where it was going.

I ran toward the cat, it was dark upstairs and cold. At my right hand side one window was opened. I could see the moon through it. I saw a small room and inside it just in the center a coffin with four candles stood. The cat laid down beside it and was looking directly at me. In the right hand corner something burned and smelled rancid. I became dizzy and frightened. I went backwards, down the stairs and ran outside to breath the fresh air.

Juana Lopez

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A TERRIFYING SUMMER DAY

Last summer I went with my family to the camping ground. We were walking on a beautiful and shiny day around the camp when suddenly the day turned dark and it started to rain hard. Everybody ran into the big old house.

Inside it was silent and all the furniture looked dusty and carelessly arranged. We were feeling frightened. We saw a big shadow sneaking into the chimney. Everyone of us was surprised and scared. We began to scream and started running for the empty road, until we reached the campground.

Juana Galvez

One night the thunder boomed and in the lightning I saw a big house on the hill. I went to the house. The door was half open and I heard inside somebody crying and it was dark.

I knocked on the door. The crying stopped. Then the door closed. I was shaking and sweating but I wanted to know who was crying inside. I pushed the door open. I looked inside and I saw a bloody knife and blood on the floor. I turned to the right. I only heard crying but nobody was there. I turned to the left. The window was open. Then I felt dizzy and I couldn't move. I fell down. When I woke up, I was lying in the hospital.

Margaret Lin

One day last year I visited a friend who lives in New Jersey. She is an old woman and handicapped. She lives by herself in a house. When she opened the door, a big dog ran towards me and smiled at me. I jumped, startled. I felt my heart beating fast. My friend stopped the dog and it went away. I sat on a sofa. I heard some noises, gi..gi..., a mouse ran through under the sofa. On the table some roaches were running. Suddenly, I felt something creeping on my body. I felt cold and dizzy. There was a picture on the wall. It was covered by some ash. There were some spider webs in the corner.

I asked her, "Why don't you buy some drug to help you kill these animals and why don't you call someone to help you to clean the house?"

But she said, "I like all of these animals."

My god, that was terrible.

Zhou Zhiyi

THE
BIG
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I. NUNEZ

NEW YORK

by Judy Chin

New York City is a big city. It has lots of department stores, restaurants, banks and different kinds of industries. It gives us good opportunities to find a job, more than other cities. That is why the people who immigrate to this country usually come to New York.

On the other hand this city is over populated and jobless. Many people go to welfare and many people are homeless because they can't pay their rent. New York City was beautiful and clean. Now it is over populated. Not many public bathrooms for the homeless people. This makes the city dirty and smelly.

I hope that we can find a solution for this problem.

THE BRONX ZOO

by Carmen Pena

The Bronx Zoo is located in the South Bronx. We can get there by car, train or bus.

The Bronx Zoo is open all year, seven days a week. They have lots of animals, birds, reptiles and other animals which live in the water like sea lions.

They have another place that looks and sounds like a jungle. The zoo also has The World of Birds: birds from all around the world. It is beautiful and clean.

There is a sky-ride that takes you from one corner to the other. An electric car that looks like a cage. When you are in the wild animals are out.

Across from the zoo there is the Botanical Gardens: another pretty place to visit in the summer time.

NEW YORK CITY

New York City is one of the largest and most beautiful cities in the world.

New York City gives us a lot of opportunities such as: jobs, education, and entertainment. In this city people enjoy beautiful places to go like the United Nations, the World Trade Center, The Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Center and Central Park which runs from 59th to 110th Streets between Fifth Avenue and Central Park West.

New York City also has some of the nation's largest museums and galleries. There are orchestras and opera and dance companies perfoming at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Several of New York City's largest department stores are in Herald Square like Macy's and others.

In Manhattan, some of the richest people live in mansions and high-rise apartments.

Many New Yorkers depend on the subway for transportation which runs 24 hours a day.

New York City has serious problems too. More than a million New Yorkers receive Welfare. Other problems are crime, racist conflicts, drugs, suicide, etc.

After all these problems, New York City remains one of the most interesting and exciting cities in the United States.

In fact, many people consider it the most fascinating city in the world.

Ollinda Vera

NEW YORK: A TOURIST CITY

by Blanca Rojas

New York, the name alone says it all. New York, The Big Apple, it's a city for all ages and for all seasons and to each visitor has a different appeal.

New York attracts more than 18 million visitors each year, it's a walkers' city, a shoppers' city, a food lovers' city and a people watchers' city. It's a world of entertainment and discovery, color and stimuli, and because it offers so much it keeps bringing people back.

All the excitement of being right in the heart of mid-town Manhattan, just a stroll from Fifth Avenue, Broadway, Lincoln Center, Central Park and the great museums. New York has more shops, galleries, restaurants, theaters, music, and dance.

New York has unique sights, The Statue of Liberty, The Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, The World Trade Towers. These are a bare outline of Manhattan attractions.

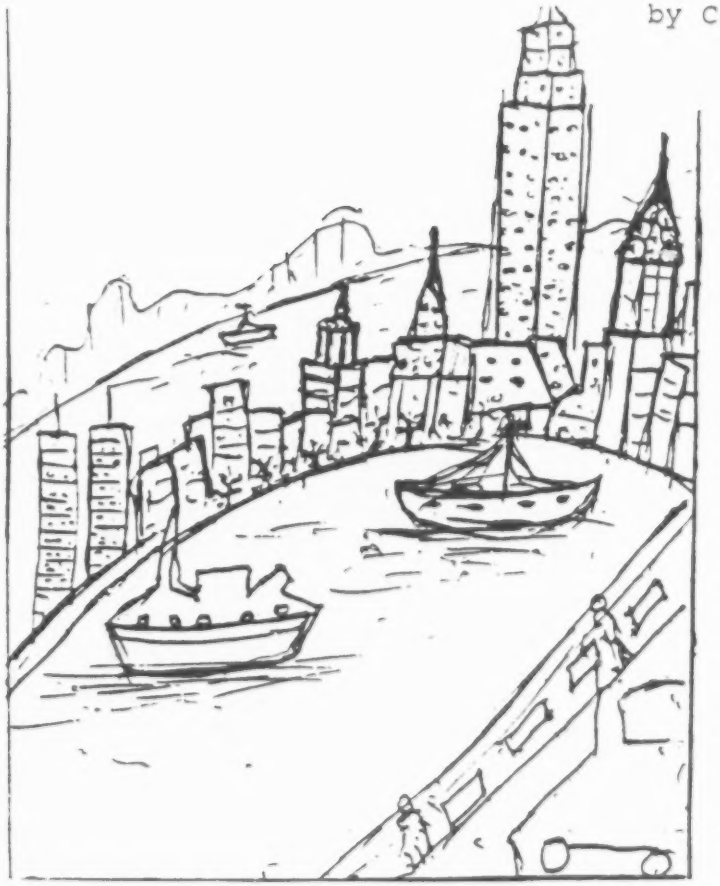
Don't overlook the resources of all five of our boroughs, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and the Bronx.

Queens has Shea Stadium, Belmont and Acqueduct, Flushing Meadow. The Bronx has Yankee Stadium, and a famous zoo.

Staten Island has the ferry and historic Richmond Town. Brooklyn has excellent museums, the Botanical Garden, fascinating neighborhoods to explore and the cultural offering of the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

THE BIG APPLE

by Carmen Real



New York City is a wonderful place to live in, for here we have; art, music, dance, anything your heart desires, all year round. Especially in the spring and the summer. This is the time for Festivals in the streets, concerts in the parks. In Central Park every year you can even watch fireworks and famous singers.

Lincoln Center has the Meropolitan Opera, the New York City Ballet and other activities. It is a nice place to go to. New York has Rockefeller Center, Radio City, Felt Forum and so many theaters.

The theaters play the best shows like "Cats" which my grandchildren and I enjoyed very much. One of my favorite plays is "Fiddler On The Roof." I saw it nine times.

New York City to me is like an encyclopedia from which you can learn many things without even opening the book. Here you find all kinds of museums and the best is that you can meet people from all over the world. You can learn about their culture, their language, customs, foods and music. You can see it in their festivals, parades, parties, clubs, at work or in the streets. Believe me, New York is a wonderful school.

New York City is beautiful, it is a city of contrast; from very modern sky scrapers to beautiful older buildings that contain art works. Some of my favorite buildings are, City Hall, The Chrysler Building, The Empire State Building etc.

It is a breath taking view at night from across the Hudson River in New Jersey or from Queens or Brooklyn or from the ferry boat coming from Staten Island.

New York City fascinates me. I love New York.

THE ROBBERS IN THE WORLD

by Christina Chin

In every country you can hear or read from news reports, talk or writing about many robberies every day and the people who get hurt by the robbers especially in a big city like New York.

Many people immigrate to New York City; some of them are legal, some of them are illegal. Some people who don't understand English can not find a job. Some of them are lazy people, some are drug addicts or alcoholics, so they become robbers and thieves. They think to be a robber is an easy way to have money. They don't have to face the boss and work hard for very little money. They can hang around all day long, nobody bothers them. They can buy everything with their stolen money. But, they never think about somebody else who is working hard to support their family.

I wish for no more robbers in this world.

TERRIBLE NIGHT

Last summer when I went to Canada, I had a terrible night because the bus broke down on the highway at 1 a.m. We were waiting for the next bus for two hours. It arrived in New York City at 7 o'clock. I was tired and I wanted to sleep but I didn't sleep because I had to be at work by 8 a.m. My boss is angry if I'm late.

This was a terrible night for me because when I arrived at my house, the door was open. I went into the house and I saw everything out of place. I felt like screaming and then I started crying because my beautiful furniture was gone.

Karin Prado

SOUTH FERRY

by Judy Ng

It is located on Manhattan's south side. The East River and the Hudson River meet at this point. You can see the Brooklyn Bridge when you are on the ferry.

The ferry's job is to take people across to Staten Island and New York.

On the other side is Battery Park, a lot of people come here to take a walk and do exercise.

On the South Ferry you can see a great view of New York. Because there are many big buildings here, such as the World Trade Center Building, the Banker Building and the Exchange Building. The whole day here, it is very crowded.

I think it is a good place for you to go when you have a holiday.

THE CONEY ISLAND TRILOGY

Illustration: David Ramos

A TRIP TO CONEY ISLAND

Altagracia Rodriquez

My family and I went to Coney Island last Sunday. In the morning my daughters and their families prepared some food, like fruits, sandwiches, cakes, baby food and milk for the babies.

I enjoyed being with them. I love my family. They are the first thing in my life. We took our bathing suits because we were thinking about going to the beach.

Then my family and I made two groups, one group went to the beach and the other one went to Astroland Park with the babies.

At last everybody met at 3:00 o'clock and ate our food. Then we were talking and sharing our best moments with each other.

I went to the beach because I love to swim. I don't like to go on the different rides in the amusement park.

It was late when we returned to our city. It was night already. Then from my home everyone took their own car and went to their houses.

A TRIP TO CONEY ISLAND

by Chung Mau Cheng "Jimmy"

My family and I went to Coney Island last Sunday. In the morning we took a train to get there. I enjoyed the beach and the water. My son and my daughter built a sand castle and played in the water. My wife and I watched people swimming. Then my family ate lunch. After lunch we picked up some shells. At last we went to Astroland for a while, then we took the train back home.

It was late when we arrived home. We felt very tired, but we enjoyed it.

A TRIP TO CONEY ISLAND

by Judy Ng

My family and I went to Coney Island last Sunday. In the morning when we got up the sun had painted the earth with a light golden color. It was Spring. The weather was just right. It was a good day for a trip, a good day to go out.

When we arrived at Coney Island's amusement park, a lot of people were already there. There are a lot of games, very exciting games. It looks like Great Adventure.

With my three children I enjoyed all kinds of games, and then we went to lunch. After lunch we went to the Aquarium. We had a good time in there until noon, when we were on the way home.

SOME REFLECTIONS ABOUT THE MAGAZINE

For me, it was something really wonderful to have participated in the formation of the student magazine. At the beginning, I thought that it was a little bit silly, but now that we are getting to the end, I can note the difference.

I have learned to do something that I didn't know. I met people who I adore and I thank them for giving me the chance of participating with them. I wish them good luck and support them all in this beautiful job. I recommend continuing this.

Altagracia Rodriguez

When I began to work on this magazine, it was with the intention of cooperating in some way with the Union. I had the belief that I could not help at all because of my inexperience. But, as time went on, with the influence of my fellow classmates, I felt useful and enthusiastic to continue to work.

Rosa Cruz

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